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Happy New Year

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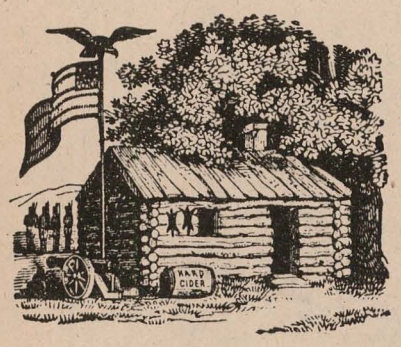

Almost a Fifth of Our Army Lives In Military Tenements

The early days of the Volunteer Army were dotted with news releases about plans to build better barracks to house this new breed of professional soldier, a man or woman who could be expected to stay in the Army longer because they would no longer be subject to many of the unsatisfactory conditions typical of a predominantly draftee force. They were to have semi-private rooms where they could have their own stereo equipment, hang pictures and use an adjacent bathroom with a modicum of privacy. The rows of double bunks in one big room were to be relegated to World War II movies and old episodes of "Sergeant Bilko."

But now, as we close out the sixth year of pure volunteerism, the best we can say is that some progress has been made toward modern troop housing. Army posts throughout the United States are still using clusters of ramshackle wooden barracks built at the outset of World War II, 36 or more years ago. Here and there some amenities have been added, like stall enclosures around the toilets in the communal bathroom. The original electrical wiring has probably been replaced in all of them to provide some measure of protection against a fire but, considering the uncountable coats of paint that hold their rotting timbers together, it is nothing short of miraculous that the Army has never had a major disaster in the form of a fire in a crowded troop barracks.

Overseas, particularly in Germany, the situation is even worse. Many of the old German Army barracks occupied by our troops there were built in the late 19th Century and they suffer all the ills of aged structures. Worldwide, 18% of the soldiers occupying military quarters live under conditions called "substandard." That totals 50,000 of the volunteers who cost so much to recruit, to train and to replace when they become disenchanted.

Congress has been appropriating money to build troop housing but progress toward the goal of having the entire Army in adequate quarters has been slow. Some large military posts, like Forts Stewart and Polk, are still almost entirely in their World War II configuration. Fiscal Year 1979 funding will only reduce the barracks backlog by 1½%. In Germany the host nation, as part of an agreement to help offset the costs of maintaining US forces, has made some progress toward rehabilitation of the ancient barracks.

But if we are to maintain an Active Army of true volunteers and to reduce the costly turnover rate we must convince the first term enlistees that they are something more than second class citizens. It was wrong to force draftees to live in military tenements but at least they knew they could escape back to normal creature comforts after just two years. We want and need our volunteers to stay longer.

News notes

Food Stamps

People eligible for food stamps will no longer have to pay any money for them. January stamps will be based on the difference between the old purchase requirement and the total coupon allotment - otherwise called "bonus" stamps.

EXAMPLE: December 1978 - pay $44 - receive $144 in coupons ($100 free or "bonus stamps)

January 1979 - pay ZERO - receive $100 free or "bonus" stamps.

Eligibility is determined on the basis of all monthly income minus certain allowable deductions. These include Federal and State Tax, FICA, medical and dental costs, tuition, Child Care while parents work, court ordered alimony and child support payments, rent/mortgage, PG&E, garbage and water and telephone monthly service charge.

When the deductions are subtracted from the income, the ADJUSTED NET MONTHLY INCOME figure is reached and it is this that is used to determine food stamp eligibility.

To find out if you may be eligible, bring your latest Leave and Earning Statement (LES) to Army Community Service, building 214, or call 561-5156. Addresses of bay area food stamp offices and information for applying is available.

Money for education

If your dependent son or daughter will be attending college or post-secondary vocational school this year, maybe the Army Emergency Relief (AER) can help you.

AER has an educational assistance program for dependent children of active duty, retired and deceased Army personnel. The program assists such students in pursuing post-secondary vocational or undergraduate studies.

The educational assistance program includes loans and/or scholarships. Since funds are limited, applications are competitively evaluated. Financial need is the primary criterion for both scholarships and loans. In addition, the student's academic achievements and ability, and personal accomplishments are considered.

Completed AER applications, and documentation should arrive at Headquarters AER no later than March 1, 1979.

Students currently receiving AER assistance are reminded that they are required to reapply annually for aid.

For application forms and detailed information contact your local Army Emergency Relief Office or Headquarters AER, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314. **(FORSCOM B-1)**

Prayer breakfast

The Annual National Prayer Breakfast is to be held 7:30 a.m., January 18, at the Presidio Officers' Club, Main Ball Room. The breakfast event to include meal is $2.00 per person. All civilian and military personnel are invited to attend. Tickets may be obtained from your unit representatives.

Exploratorium

Gospel music, from its origins in the early years of slavery to its present-day evangelical form, will be performed and discussed in the final program of the Exploratorium's fall "Speaking of Music" series.

On Thursday, January 11, at 8 p.m., Emmit Powell and the Gospel Elites will be the featured performers in a presentation on "The History and Development of Gospel Music."

The informal lecture/demonstration, directed by Emmit Powell, will feature solos from the works of historically famous gospel singers and numerous selections by the Gospel Elites. The program will include spirituals once sung by slaves and inspirational hymns.

The Gospel Elites are a San Francisco choir, formed by Emmit Powell, and known throughout the Bay Area for their evangelical concerts.

Tickets are $2.00 at the door and PAS vouchers are accepted.

For further information or photographs, call Dianne Hales at 563-7337.

Ballet classes

Parents interested in having their children, ages 5 and up, participate in youth ballet classes are requested to contact Mrs. Helen Piernik, telephone 994-0681 (Daly City) between the hours of noon to 2 p.m.; or register at Bldg. 1390 (near Ft. Scott Chapel) on Thursdays, January 4 and 11 between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. All classes will be held on Post.

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EM wives club

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives Club is starting off another year of hard work and fun.

Their first meeting of the year will be held on January 8, at the Recreation Center. This will be an important meeting for the club, because the annual elections for officers will be held.

The club will celebrate the installation of its officers on January 13 by holding an installation dinner at Treasure Island.

The club is continually growing in numbers and is always ready to accept new members. If you are interested in joining the club call Jo Leach at 3550 or Peggy Neely at 5939.

Thanks

The Christmas Gift Wrap Operation at the Main PX was a success! The proceeds collected amounted to three thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty cents.

The money will be given and divided among the Presidio's community activities.

A special thanks to all the women who volunteered to work on this project and also to all the people who used the service.

Ed Center news

The Education Center is ringing in the New Year by offering an expanded range of courses to meet the educational goals of the Presidio's military, dependent, and civilian community.

One new program we've had many requests for is a **COMPREHENSIVE READING PROGRAM** that provides instruction from the remedial, developmental level to the advanced speed reading level. This program is for you a good or average reader, if:

1. You'd like to increase your reading speed without sacrificing comprehension.
2. You can't remember or understand most of what you've read.
3. You need to brush up on your note taking and study skills.

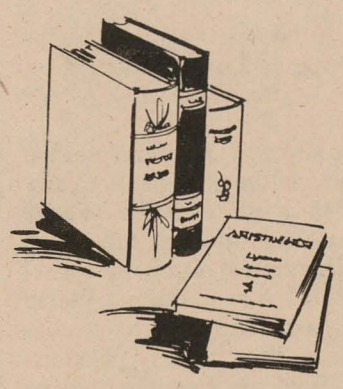
This program is also for you who know you need help in reading if:

1. You can't remember the first part of a paragraph by the time you get to the end of it.
2. You have difficulty reading or following a written set of directions.
3. Your speaking and reading vocabulary is limited.
4. You're embarassed to read aloud in front of people.
5. You seldom understand what you've read.

Make a New Year's resolution now, to come to the Ft. Scott Education Center for a diagnosis of your reading skills and enrollment in an appropriate reading course. The reading teacher's available for reading diagnosis and classes on Monday and Wednesday from 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Another new course is **BUSINESS ENGLISH.** Students who enroll in this course will study written communication skills with a view toward mastery of English as it realtes to business. Students will work on business vocabulary development, spelling, and will practice writing business letters, reports, and memoranda. The course is especially appropriate for entry-level office workers and clerk typists already on the job. Class will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 12:15-1:45 p.m., January 9 to March 2 at the Ft. Scott Education Center.

A course that has expanded its scope is **REFRESHER ENGLISH AND TEST PREPARATION.** Students will fully review writing and grammar skills including the sentence, parts of speech, punctuation, vocabulary building, and paragraph structure. This course is especially appropriate for personnel who need or want a review of English before college entrance. It is also very effective for personnel preparing to take the English portion of the CLEP, SAT, ACT, and PACE. Class will be held 4:00-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday from January 8 to March 14, at the Ft. Scott Education Center.



BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE SHORTHAND AND TYPING. The shorthand and typing classes will be held at the Ft. Scott Education Center from January 9 to March 2. The class schedule is as follows:

Intermediate shorthand	
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Tuesday thru Friday
Beginning shorthand	
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Tuesday thru Friday
Typing	
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Tuesday thru Thursday
and, 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Friday

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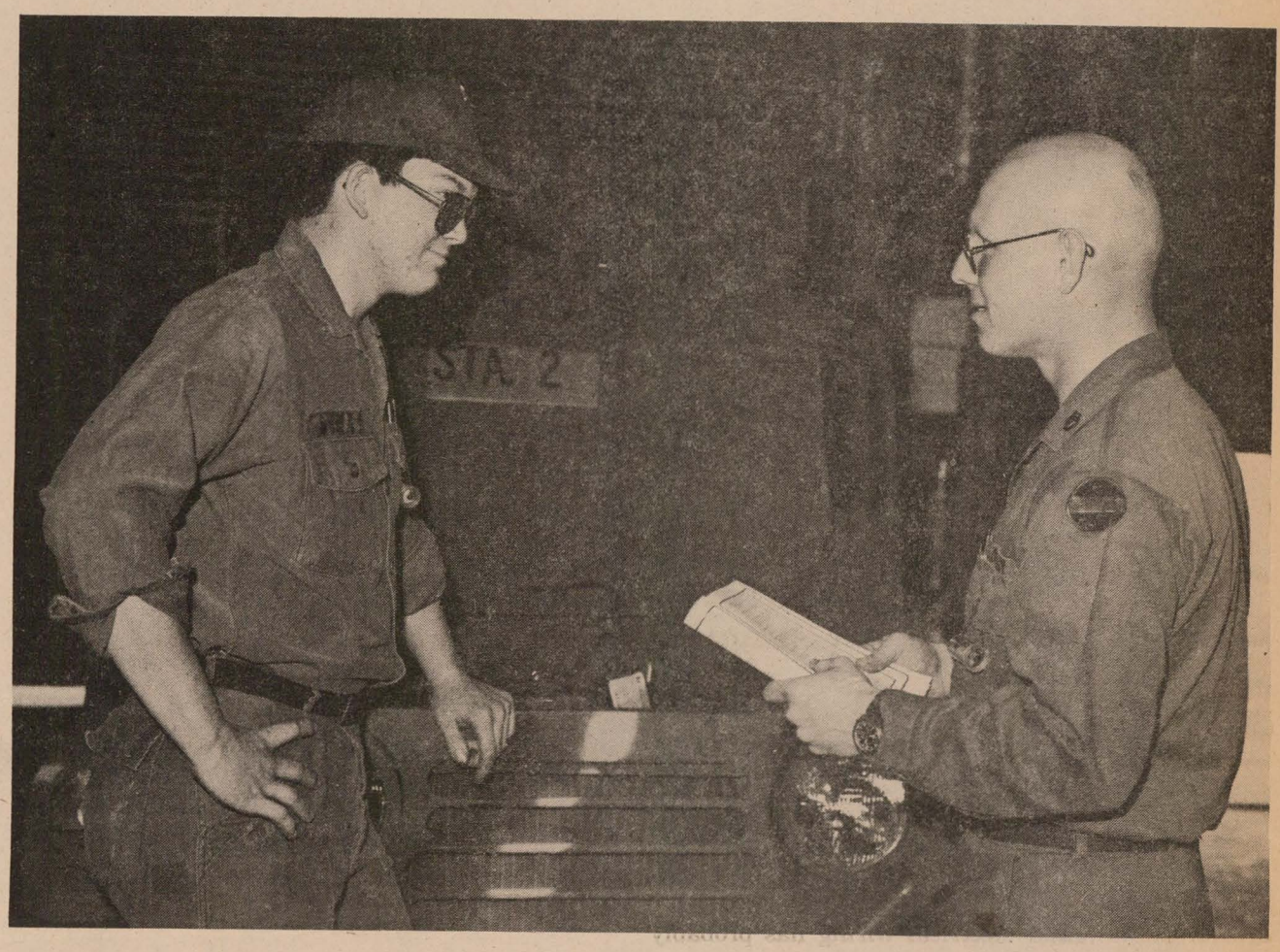


SSgt. Robert Strongman, **Motor Sgt., Co D, 864th Engr Bn, a scorer for the 63B/C HOC reads the instructions for a task to PFC Michael Suchy, a mechanic in Co D.**

SSgt. Rodney Vierra, **170th MP Co, a scorer for the 63B/C HOC scores PFC David Levin, a dispatcher for the 163rd MP Co in the Toe In Task on a 2½ ton truck.**

Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last . . .

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
Letter from the Birmingham jail. In the Atlantic Monthly (August 1963).

A bit of Black History

The contributions of black Americans to their nation's defense go back almost three and one half centuries to the French and Indian Wars. During the American Revolution, blacks served mostly in military units from the northeastern United States, but they also served in large numbers in the guerrilla bands that harassed the British forces in the South.

Names that these former slaves gave themselves reflected their recent escape from the bonds of slavery and dedication to the new nation's ideals. Such names as Dick Freedom, Jeffrey Liberty and Jube Freeman left little doubt as to how they felt about independence.

In 1778 a Hessian officer wrote, "One sees no regiment in which there are not Negroes in abundance, and among them are able bodied, sturdy fellows." The following year, an Army report showed that there were seven brigades with an average of 54 blacks in each one.

About 20 percent of the sailors manning Continental Navy ships were black Americans. A much higher percentage served on the privateers that harassed British shipping during the war.

At least three blacks are known to have served in the ranks of the Continental Marines and 10 others served as Marines on the ships of the state navies.

During the Civil War, the Confederacy, enraged that so many blacks were serving in the ranks of the Union Army, threatened to send any captured blacks back into slavery. Despite the threat, 300,000 served in the Union Army, with more than 38,000 losing their lives.

On the seas, 20 percent of the Union Navy's personnel were black. Towards the end of the war, the Confederacy, taking notice of the performance of blacks in the Union forces, began conscripting them for service in the Confederate Army and Navy.

With the end of the war, the U.S. Congress authorized the formation of Regular Army units composed of black soldiers led by white officers. Recruited from southern plantations and from the black volunteers who had fought during the recent war, the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and the 24th and 25th Infantry regiments served long and well on the western frontier during the remaining three decades of the Indian Wars.

In World War I, the bulk of the 400,000 black troops served in the services of supply. Two infantry divisions, the 92nd and the 93rd, established a fine record in the front lines.

On June 19, 1918, General John J. Pershing said of the contributions of the black soldiers, "I cannot commend too highly the spirit shown among the colored combat troops who exhibit fine capacity for quick training and eagerness for the most dangerous work."

More than one million blacks served during World War II. They were utilized in a greater variety of units and for longer periods of time than in any previous war. Nine separate black field artillery battalions served in Europe along with three black armored units.

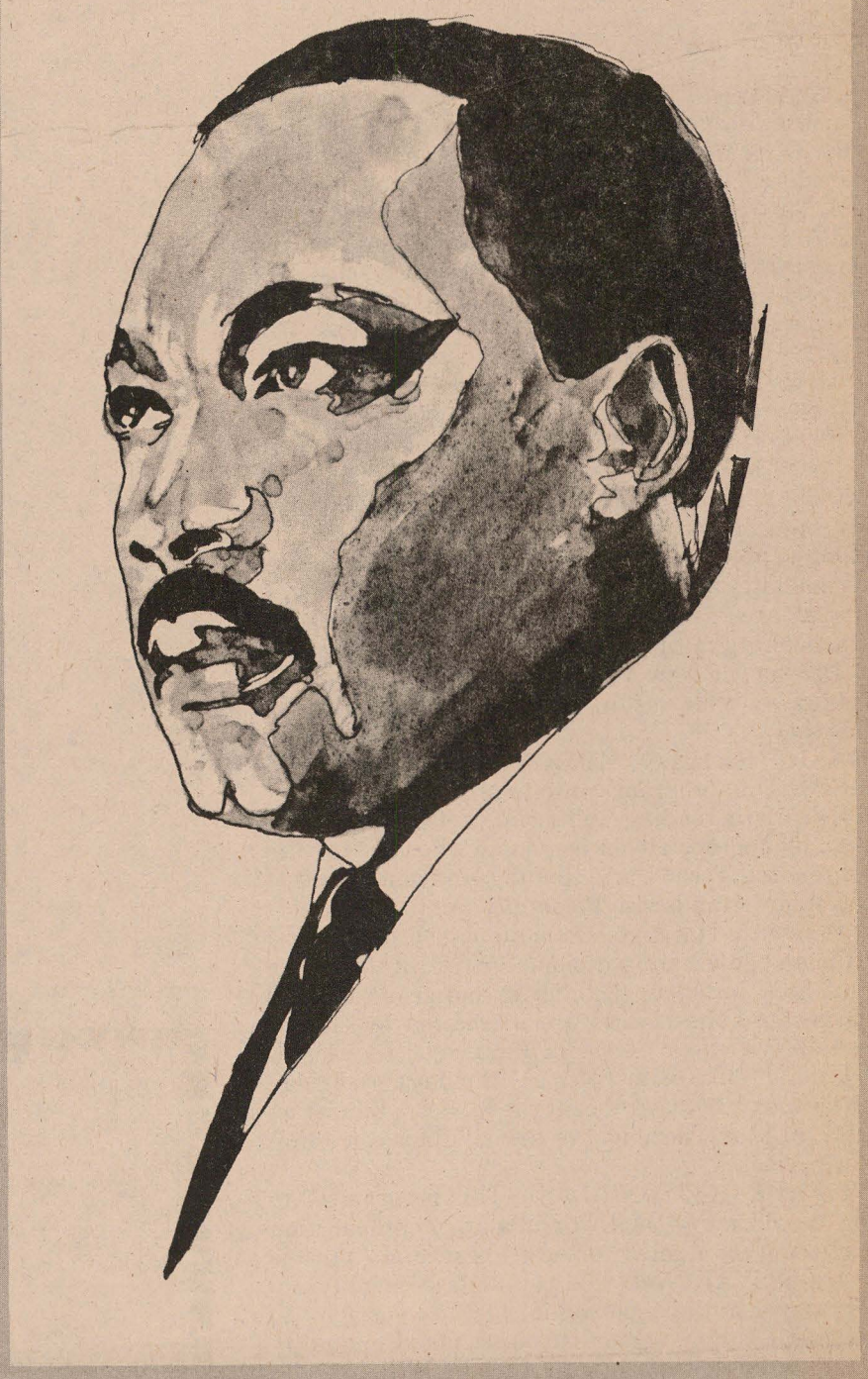
The 600 airmen trained at Tuskegee Institute as pilots carried the war to the enemy from Africa to France. In more than 200 missions flown by the Black 99th, not one U.S. bomber was lost to the enemy.

Blacks also served well curing the Korean War, when segregation was ended in the military Services.

The Vietnam War was the first conflict in which blacks were fully integrated throughout the U.S. Armed Services, and they fought side by side with other Americans from the Delta to the Demilitarized Zone, and in the skies over North Vietnam.

Today, they serve wherever the U.S. military presence is needed. —**Philip R. Smith, Jr.**

The tortuous road which has led from Montgomery to Selma is a road over which millions of Negroes are traveling to find a new sense of dignity. It will, I am convinced, be widened into a superhighway of justice.



On the 15th of January, the Presidio will observe the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As a part of that observation, the dining facilities of HQ Co Garrison, 864th Engineers and 504th MP Bn will host commemorative breakfasts from 7 to 8 a.m.

Breakfast will be open to all military, DoD civilian, and dependent personnel subject to appropriate charges. If you plan to attend, it is essential that your reservations be made not later than noon on the 9th of January.

All interested personnel should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at x3701 or x4602.

Martin Luther King Day

On January 15 at 11 a.m., there will be a memorial program to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Post Theater. The guest speaker will be Dr. Booker T. Andrews, former Public Relations Director for the Western Christian Leadership Conference and Minister of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church here in San Francisco. All military, dependent and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend.

Black History Week

1. If you can dance, act, and/or sing then you are the person we need! The Black History Talent Planning Committee is still taking auditions for talent presentations during Black History Week.

Auditions: February 1 1979, Final & Make-Up Audition, February 8 1979

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Point of Contact - Maj. Davis, 3701

2. Write an essay and be rewarded! The essay committee of the Presidio Black History Week Committee will be accepting literary works.

Topics:

a. Why the observance of Black History Week is important to me.

b. Black History Week: A Time for Reflection.

c. Black History Week, Past, Present and Future.

Interested personnel should submit essays consisting of three typed pages doubled spaced, submitted NLT than February 5 1979.

3. Black History Week has been set for February 11-17. The festivities include guest speakers, musical programs, an essay writing contest, and a talent contest. All military, dependent and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
January 15, 1979

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	
Prelude	Organist
11:01	
Intro of Opening Song	Mr. Fred Horton
11:02	
"Lift Every Voice & Sing"	Congregation
11:06	
Intro Remarks and Intro of Sixth US Army Commander	Col. Hamilton
11:11	
Remarks	Lt. Gen. Forrester
11:14	
Opening Prayer	Chap Col. Schweitzer
11:19	
Musical Selections	Gospel Dynamics Choir
11:21	
Pause for Reflection	Tape Recording Mrs. Coretta King
11:25	
Musical Solo	Maj. Brown - EEO LAMC
11:31	
Musical Selections	Gospel Dynamics Choir
11:35	
Intro of Guest Speaker	General Osteen
11:36	
Guest Speaker	Dr. Booker T. Anderson
11:51	
Concluding Prayer	Rabbi William Dalin
11:53	
Concluding Hymn "We Shall Overcome"	Congregation
11:57	
March from Theater to Rec Ctr for Refreshments	Guests/Congregation

Ed Center continued

Another recently developed course is **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.** This program is designed for students whose first or native language is not English. The goal is for students to gain proficiency in English so they can function successfully in the culture and society of the US, acquire English speaking, comprehension, and writing skills to perform successfully on the job and continue their education. The courses provide English language instruction at various levels from basic survival English to advanced college-entry level. An ESL instructor is available at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-6:30 p.m. to conduct individual or small group classes. A diagnosis of each student's English language skills is made for placement into the beginning, intermediate, or advanced level of instruction. The courses are especially appropriate for foreign born/speaking military personnel and dependents.

During the New Year the Education Center will continue to offer, as in past years, the following courses:

BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (BSEP). This program consists of high school level English, math, reading, and social studies classes. It is especially appropriate for personnel who need to raise their reading, vocabulary, spelling, and math skills to meet Army standards. Personnel enrolling in this program without a high school diploma or state GED certificate can obtain a diploma or certificate if they successfully complete the classes and pass the GED tests because the classes are accredited by Galileo Community College Center of San Francisco. Classes will be held 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday thru Friday from January 29 to April 6, at the Ft. Scott Education Center. Military, dependents, and civilians can enroll in these classes.

GT PREPARATION CLASS. This program is an intensive review of English and math in preparation for retaking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. The course is especially appropriate for military personnel who need or want to raise their GT score to reenlist, be promoted, or qualify for an Army service school. Classes will be held 7:30-11:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday, from January 29 to April 6 at the Ft. Scott Education Center.

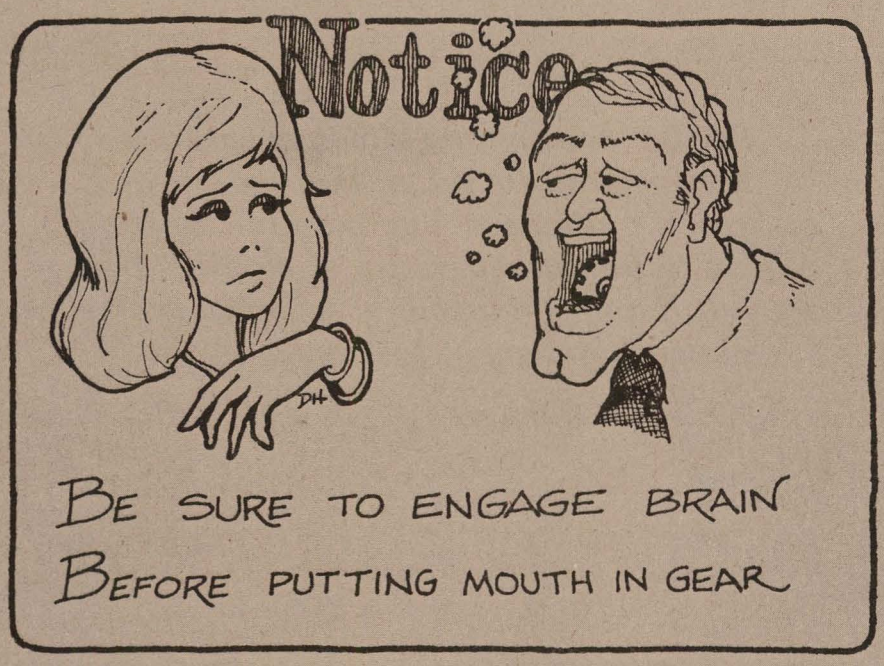
If you've gone through the list of all the courses and you can't enroll for one reason or another, the **LEARNING CENTER** may be for you! The Learning Center provides small group and individualized instruction to personnel who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes. Instruction is given to upgrade math and English skills, to prepare for college entry, to take the CLEP, GED, ACT and SAT tests, and to meet the individual needs and goals of the student. Instructors are available for individualized assistance Monday thru Thursday from 12:30 - 8:00 p.m. The program is appropriate for personnel who work on swing shifts, have irregular periods of time available for study or who prefer to work on an individualized basis. Military, depndents, and civilian personnel can enroll in the program.

To find out more information about any of the programs or to enroll call or visit the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, ext. 2974/4445.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE ON POST COLLEGE COURSES. Space is still available in on-post college courses conducted by San Francisco State University from January 22-March 16. Enrollment is open to both military and civilians. Classes meet two nights per week from 6-9 p.m. and are designed to fit into almost any degree plan:

Eng 107 - Second Year Composition (Tues/Thurs)
Hist 111 - History of Western Civilization II (Tues/Thurs)
Psy 102 - Psychology of Social and Occupational Development (Mon/Wed)
Bio 330 - Human Sexuality (Mon/Wed)

BEGINNING GERMAN HEADSTART CLASSES. Students will learn practical German to be able to ask directions, exchange dollars, order a meal, tell time, buy a train ticket, make a phone call and much more. The course is designed especially for military personnel and department of Army civilians on orders or alerted for duty in Germany. If there is sufficient enrollment two classes will be held. One class will be held 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from January 9 to March 15 at the LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007. The other class will be held 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, January 15 to March 26 at the Ft. Scott Education Center.



Ramblin' Sam wants you! —

to make submissions to the Star Presidian

Holiday hoop tourney continues

A. HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

LAIR's Lon Peterson stepped up to the foul line with 10 seconds remaining in the game, sank two free throws, to defeat 864th Engrs 61 to 60, in the final game of the 2d PSF Holiday Basketball Championship. Thus, the dark horse of the tournament, LAIR, won the Championship.

The game was played on even terms throughout the contest as the Engrs led 31 to 30 at half time. Playing without their outstanding high scoring guard, Charles Hamilton, the Engineers depended on Jacob Wilson to work both ends of the court as he scored a game high 23 points. Lon Peterson, the tournaments' outstanding player, led LAIR with 18 points, scoring 11 points in the second half, followed by Mike Rusnick with 13 points.

In the Women's Division, Garrison's high scoring machine was too much for their opponents to handle, as they elected to forfeit the game rather than face another bombshell. Iris Turner, was selected as the Women's Most Valuable Player, for her outstanding performance in the earlier games.

Pierre Russell, assigned to the 864th Engrs, former member of the Kentucky Colonels professional basketball team, and one of the most outstanding basketball players in the Armed Forces, today presented team awards to the champions and outstanding players in the Men's and Women's Divisions.

B. HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

LAIR, the dark horse of the tournament, will face a scrappy 864th Engineers team for the Championship, in the 2d Annual Presidio Holiday Basketball Tournament.

LAIR advanced to the finals by defeating HQ Co, USAG 58 to 47. Led by Mike Rusnick and Lon Peterson, LAIR controlled the boards at both ends of the court and forced Garrison to take shots from outside of the free throw circle. Mike Rusnick scored a game high 23 points before fouling out. Lon Peterson contributed 18 points. Frank Jones led Garrison scorers with 20 points.

In the semi-final game of the winner's bracket, the race horses of the 864th Engineers once again left their opponents in the starting gate as they jumped off to a 38 to 31 advantage at half time and continued to increase their lead in the second half for a 79 to 61 victory over LAMC #1.

Charles Hamilton, hitting jump shots from 30 feet out and scoring on easy lay-ups, as he raced down court on the Engineers fast breaks, was too much for LAMC #1 to handle. Hamilton led all scorers with 28 points assisted by Bill Tolliver with 16 points. Farries Gaston scored 18 points for LAMC #1.

HQ 6A 62 - LAMC #2 55

Bobby Brooks kept HQ 6A alive in the consolation bracket by scoring a game high 22 points, 14 coming via the charity line, as he hit 14 out of 15 free throw attempts. Outscored 26 to 23 at half time, HQ 6A parade to the foul line was the difference in the game as they outscored LAMC #2, 14 to 3 from the free throw line in the second half. Mike Johnson scored 13 points for LAMC #2 before fouling out with over 8 minutes to play.

LAMC #3 82 - 16th AG 69

Led by Dick Odom and Jim Oxley, 24 and 20 points respectively, the Professional Staff of LAMC advanced to the semi-finals in the consolation bracket, as they eliminated 16th AG 82 to 69. The highlight of the game was the shooting and outstanding play of Stanley Perry, 16th AG, as he led all scorers with 37 points.

At the flicks

PRESIDIO

Saturday, Jan. 6 Cartoon THE MOUSE AND HIS CHILD (G) 2 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7 JAWS 2 (PG) 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 8 JAWS 2 (PG) 7 p.m.
Tuesday Jan. 9 THE AMSTERDAM KILL (R) (RE) 7 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 10 TEXAS DETOUR (R) 7 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 11 SEMI-TOUGH (R) (RE) 7 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 12 SEMI-TOUGH (R) (RE) 7 p.m.

SCHWARTZ/LETTERMAN

Monday, Jan. 8 NUMBER ONE OF THE SECRET SERVICE (PG) 7 p.m.
Tuesday Jan. 9 UP IN SMOKE (R) 7 p.m. Adults $1.50/Children $.75
Wed. Jan. 10 HEROES (PG) (RE) 7 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 11 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (PG) (RE) 7 p.m.
Friday Jan. 12 GOIN' SOUTH (PG) 7 p.m.

Round ball

C. INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS
FINAL STANDINGS
1st ROUND

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	6	1
864th Engrs	5	2
FBI	5	2
LAIR	4	3
170th MP Co	3	4
LAMC #2	3	4
USAG	2	5
163rd MP Co	0	6

FT SCOTT LEAGUE

TEAM	Won	Lost
HQ 6th Army	6	0
LAMC #3	4	1
16th AG	4	2
USACC	3	3
INSCOM	1	4
DENTAC	1	5
P.H.S.	1	5

E. PRESIDIO YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

League play for the Presidio Youth Basketball Program will begin January 2, 1979. The Minor League will play one game on each Monday and Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m. Two games will be played each Saturday morning, starting at 10:30 a.m. All Minor League games will be played at Post Gym #1. The Major League will play on each Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 5 p.m. in Post Gym #2. On Friday evening two games will be played in Post Gym #1, with a starting time of 5 p.m.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
2nd ROUND

Date	Home Team	vs	Visitors	Time
8 Jan	LAMC #1	vs	170th MP Co	6 p.m.
	LAMC #2	vs	LAIR	7:15 p.m.
	USAG	vs	FBI	8:30 p.m.
9 Jan	HQ 6th Army	vs	DENTAC	6 p.m.
	16th AG Det	vs	LAMC #3	7:15 p.m.
	PHS	vs	USACC	8:30 p.m.
10 Jan	FBI	vs	LAIR	6 p.m.
	USAG	vs	170th MP Co	7:15 p.m.
	LAMC #2	vs	864th Engrs	8:30 p.m.
11 Jan	INSCOM	vs	LAIR #2	6 p.m.
	HQ 6th Army	vs	16th AG Det	7:15 p.m.
	PHS	vs	DENTAC	8:30 p.m.
15 Jan	USAG	vs	LAMC#1	6 p.m.
	FBI	vs	864th Engrs	7:15 p.m.
	LAIR	vs	170th MP Co	8:30 p.m.
16 Jan	INSCOM	vs	LAMC #3	6 p.m.
	LAIR #2	vs	USACC	7:15 p.m.
	HQ 6th Army	vs	PHA	8:30 p.m.
17 Jan	FBI	vs	LAMC #2	6 p.m.
	LAIR	vs	LAMC #1	7:15 p.m.
	LAIR	vs	LAMC #1	7:15 p.m.
	170th MP Co	vs	864th Engrs	8:30 p.m.
18 Jan	INSCOM	vs	16th AG Det	6 p.m.
	LAIR #2	vs	DENTAC	7:15 p.m.
	USACC	vs	LAMC #3	8:30 p.m.
22 Jan	LAIR	vs	USAG	6 p.m.
	170th MP Co	vs	LAMC #2	7:15 p.m.
	864th	vs	LAMC #1	8:30 p.m.
23 Jan	HQ 6th Army	vs	INSCOM	6 p.m.
	LAIR	vs	PHS	7:15 p.m.
	USACC	vs	16th AG Det	8:30 p.m.
24 Jan	170th MP Co	vs	FBI	6 p.m.
	864th Engrs	vs	USAG	7:15 p.m.
	LAMC #1	vs	LAMC #2	8:30 p.m.
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POST CHAMPIONSHIP

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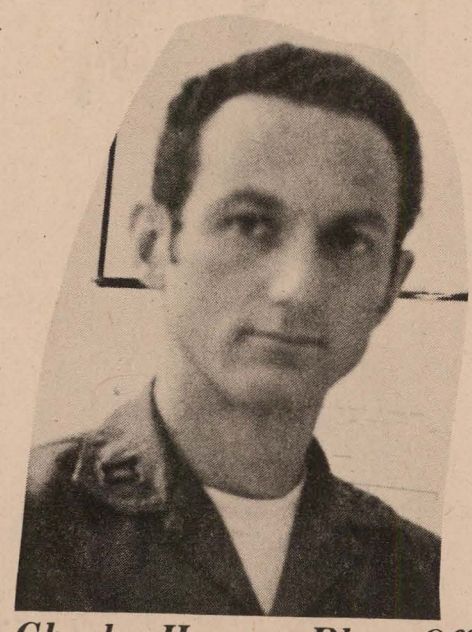
Ramblin' Sam

What do you predict for 1979?

Miss Karen Giesy, Clerk Steno, Admn Svcs., Readiness Rgn IX – "Everyone will get it together and make it a better world to live in, because times will be hard and people will need each other more. People will finally learn to stick together."

Ms. Elizabeth Shub, Personnel Staffing Specialist, CPO – "There's going to be a lot of changes on the world political scene. Our new relations with China will cause us to have different ties with Russia — perhaps a more benevolent one. I just know there will be other changes. Perhaps Russia will now try to get closer with Western Europe. To say the least, it is going to be interesting."



Capt. Charles Harvey, Plans Officer, Readiness Region IX – "I think we will see the negotiations for the peace initiative completely break down. The U.S. will become a more influential world power because its decision to recognize Red China. We will also have a mild recession by the middle of the year."

Ms. Mariette Fillman, Clerk Typist, Admin Support, DCSPA – "Things have to get better, especially in San Francisco. People will take the responsibility to make things better, because of the things that have happened here the last couple of months. people tend to think about things that happened recently and so they are looking forward and because of that people will make action to improve living conditions and to get along with each other."

Mrs. Liz Sergeant, Editorial Asst., Sixth Army Public Affairs – "I think the United States will recognize both Taiwan and Red China. Eventually people will realize the importance of getting along with each other. Various hate groups and assassinations have demonstrated to people the importance of realizing other peoples problems at an early stage and hopefully they will help with those problems."

Capt. Carl Hedleston, Advertising Officer, Recruiting and Retention, Sixth Army – "Economically there will be a mild recession. There will be an increase in strength in the Army Reserve. It's going to be a less than spectacular year. The problems that have been facing us, such as unemployment and inflation will be as critical a problem this year, as they have been in the last ten years."

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Rainy days and Sundays . . .

Chaplain's corner

by Chaplain Harry Garrett

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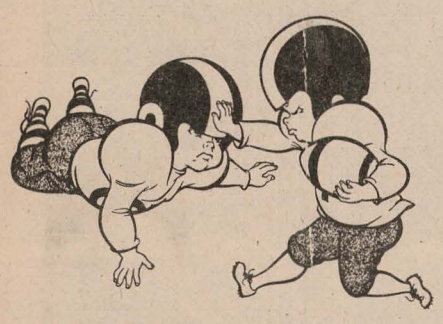
On the 21st of January, 1979 approximately eighty million Americans will be glued to the TV set to view one of the greatest sporting events of the year, namely Superbowl XIII.

Americans are almost intoxicated with the love of college and professional football. Some of the most popular complaints wives have about husbands is that the entire weekend is spent watching football. However, it is a game that requires intelligence and great strength. Most persons who play football wish to play in the backfield or be receivers. Nearly everyone wants to run, pass, and kick the points. This is quite natural.

According to the rules of football only a small percentage of the players are allowed or given the opportunity to carry the ball. The other players on the team are expected to block or fake out the opposition, otherwise the runner would never get anywhere and the passer would get sacked everytime. The players who carry the ball are quick to give credit to the blockers because without them it would be impossible to carry the ball for any great distance.



Four of these eleven players on a football team are called guards and tackles. They play in the middle of the line where the action is all jammed up with blocking and tackling. They very seldom carry the ball unless there is a fumble and not many persons watching a football game pay much attention to them. Bob Zuppke was a famous coach at the University of Illinois. When he gave instructions to his players before the game he used to say to the linemen, "You guys get out there and get under the pile; I'll come out and tell you when the game is over."

A good bit of life is like playing guard-rough and touch, and not much glory. God knows it is this way. He doesn't expect us to be the "Star" or to know everything that's going on or why things happen the way they do.

In the Army, there are a lot of things we don't understand. Why we are assigned to a certain position or a specific MOS. Paul stated in Philippians 4:11 "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." The only thing that God and our fellowpersons can ask of us is to be faithful and willing to serve; to get under the pile and live; to be a team player; God will tell us when the game is over.

Where are you? Are you under the pile where the action is? Or are you only happy when you are the "Star?" Don't be disappointed if you are not the "star." You see, most of us are "guards." Not too much glory for ourselves, but a deep satisfaction knowing we are under the pile contributing for God and everyone.

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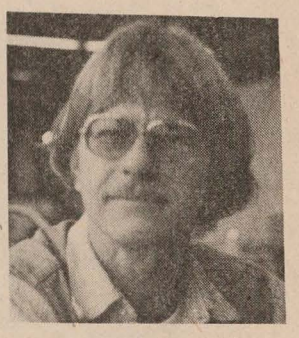
Ramblin' Sam

What do you think about the recent Oregon rape case brought by a woman against her husband??



Mr. Jerry Kropp, Lab Tech, LAIR — "That couple is after the bucks. I can see them making money from all kinds of magazine interviews. They could even be a fold-out. Their whole motive is money. It's just a case of terribly cynicism."

Mrs. Carola Echeverria, Clerk, Morale Support Fund — "I was for the case. I think it is about time that women were realized in their own right and prove that they are not just a piece of property. I was disappointed by the verdict."

SSgt. Greg Montgomery, Post Utilization and Survey Team — "It's hard to tell about this case because of the news coverage on it. If it was a legitimate case then the woman had a right to bring charges against her husband. Just because you're married, sex does not become a right. I heard that the woman tried to sell the rights to an interview before the case came to trail. If this is so, then the whole case is flakey."

2nd Lt. Douglas Ulrich, Traffic Control Officer, 504th MP Bn. — "I think it is totally possible for a man to rape his wife. Being married doesn't terminate the rights of either individual involved. A man can be abused by a woman, too. The sex act should be between two consenting adults."

Miss Sharenon Wheeler, Procurement Clerk, Morale Support Fund — "I think it is true that a husband can rape his wife. A man can rape a woman against her will in marriage whereas a man must have the proper stimulus in order for a woman to successfully rape him."

Pvt. 2 Eve Crump, Data Transcriber, Finance Office — "I thought it was silly because after she brought charges against him, they got back together again. I think the whole thing was a publicity stunt."

Crime Scene

by Don Delver

Few of us would seriously contemplate sending invitations to burglars to help themselves to our property, and yet we often do things which amount to just that. Many of our habits and daily routines make us vulnerable to theft, and some of the things we do without thinking serve notice to would-be burglars that our property is ripe for stealing.

Think about it. Do newspapers accumulate on your porch when you are out of town? Is your house completely dark when you return from an evening out? Is the mail overflowing from your mailbox or your grass overgrown when you return from a leave? These are just a few of the things we do which make it easy for burglars to target our homes.

There are many other ways you can invite trouble. A favorite, particularly among soldiers from big cities, is to hide keys under mats, over doors, in flower pots, in mailboxes, etc. Regretably, the burglars know all the hiding spots and can usually find your keys faster than you can.

Leaving a ladder outside is almost as good as leaving your front door standing open since it enables the burglar to easily gain access to your upper floors. Leaving your garage doors open or valuable toys or garden equipment laying out means the burglars can make a great haul without ever having to break in anywhere.

Allowing your shrubbery to grow up around your house until it obscures your windows from passing patrols is another good way to invite someone to burglarize your home. Allowing exterior lights to burn out without prompt replacements, particularly in alleys or hard to see corners of your home helps the thief zero in on your quarters.

Of course you don't have to go to all the trouble of letting lights burn out, or leaving your lawn unattended just to get someone to break into your house.

You can simply make it a habit not to lock doors and windows at all times and the burglar will soon get the message.

Mr. Walter H. Shorenstein is the trustee of a fund to help provide for the family of the late Mayor, George R. Moscone. Anyone desiring to make a contribution may send their donation directly to:

George Moscone Family Memorial Fund
Bank of America
Main Branch
345 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94104

PSF National Prayer Breakfast

The Presidio area-wide National Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., January 18, at the Main Ballroom, Presidio Officers' Club. Tickets for the breakfast may be obtained from your section representative or call the Post Chaplains' Office for information (phone: 4711/4719). LTC Patrick Brady, Advisor for the Ninth Readiness Region and Medal of Honor awardee will be the guest speaker. Special music will be provided by the Sixth US Army Band and Mrs. Shirly Graves, civilian employee.

To provide opportunity for participation of civilian personnel, the Commander has authorized those that attend to be excused from duty without charge of leave or loss of pay. All personnel are encouraged to attend. CSM Charles O. George is the overall coordinator for ticket distribution.

EM wives elect new officers

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives Club held their election of new officers this week.

Newly elected officers are as follows: President, Peggy Neeley; First Vice President, Ginger Daniels; Second Vice President, Eunice George; Treasurer, Sherri Montgomery; and Secretary, Cindy Bacus.

Outgoing Officers are: President, Jo Leach; First Vice President, Peggy Neeley; Second Vice President, Charlene Bell; Secretary Cindy Bacus; and Treasurer Wanda Zweigle.

Outgoing President Jo Leach is to be commended for her two year term as President of the wives club. Jo insured the successful operation of the club to include the sustaining of the Save the Children Foundation, and a scholarship program for military dependents. Mrs. Leach was also chosen as a Presidio Citizen of the Quarter.

PSF blood drive

The Presidio quarterly Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, in the Recreation Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Blood Drive — the very words seem to turn off a lot of people. Consider a moment . . . Blood is life. There is absolutely nothing that can be used as a substitute for blood. When a person needs blood, he needs it right now, not next week or next month. The only way to provide blood to a needy person is for that blood to have been donated. That's right, D O N A T E D ! ! !

So, we hear the old excuses. Why should I give blood? I have never needed any. Or this one — Someone else can do it, I know there is no shortage. W R O N G ! !

Each of us has known a near relative or close friend who has had blood transfusions. It is easy to say it always happens to the other guy. But, one of these days that "other guy" will be you or someone very near and dear to you. What will you do then?

There is nothing you can do THEN. You must do it **NOW.** Sign up to donate blood in this Presidio Blood Drive. It is the Gift of Life. No person can do more.

Mission essential

Captain Gene Thornton of Middletown, Delaware, is the Admin Services officer for the Presidio.

Educated at Washington College, Chesterton, Maryland, she decided to enter the Army because she felt she was experiencing discrimination in the civilian job market. She had responded to a recruiting ad that said as an officer she would immediately be an executive.

Capt. Thornton said, "I got a rude awakening during my Officer Basic Training. It became clear to me that nothing was going to be given to me on a silver platter."

She was one of the first women to train with men in Officer Basic. One of her classmates was Capt. Penny Miller who works in DCSPA. Thornton, who has been on active duty for six years, has served two tours at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and one in Korea. While at Ft. Riley, she was selected to be the first woman in the Army to go on a Field Training Exercise. That exercise is popularly known as "Reforger."

When asked about women serving with men in the field, Captain Thornton said that she hadn't encountered any more problems in the field than she had in an office atmosphere. Very candidly she added, "Situations between men and women in the Army are getting more professional than sexual."

Captain Gene Thornton, who has been assigned to the Presidio since July, is spending a lot of time taking advanced AG courses to enhance her career progression. She is also a member of Toastmistresses International.

Gene Thornton

Barbara Montgomery

Mrs. Barbara Montgomery is the Secretary to the DPCA.

Mrs. Montgomery has been with civil service for four years and has done all of her civil service work on the Presidio. Before working in DPCA, she worked at LAMC.

Mrs. Montgomery calls Jonesboro, Georgia, home. She has a family and is active in church work and likes camping and fishing.

Her job is an important one because all personnel actions are processed through her office for final staffing. Also Non-appropriated Fund paperwork, such as actions for the clubs, the Recreation Center, the Day Care Center and the Pre-school are staffed through her office.

Mrs. Montgomery likes her work here and loves to live in the San Francisco area. Said she, "Where else can you have such an ocean atmosphere, yet be so close to the mountains and the warmth further south?" Her only complaint about Presidio living was that the post is an open one. She feels that if the post were closed it would be more secure.

Rainy days and Sundays . . .

Motorist crossing puddle behind Main PX. Post photo lab in background.

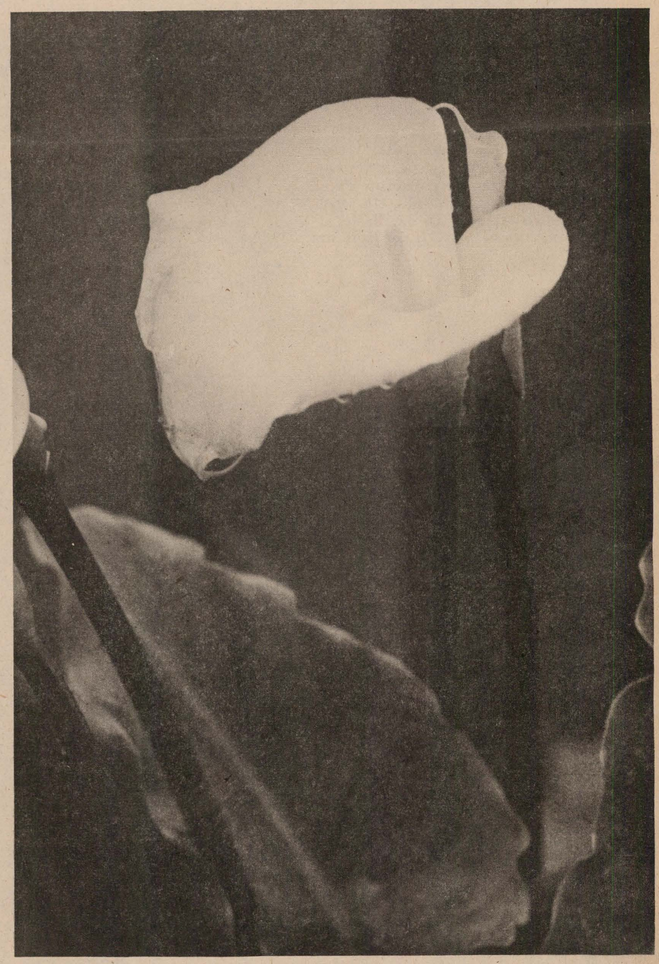
Motorist crossing flood behind Main PX.

(Cover photo) *Sp4 Stinnett* of the 170th MP Bn. directing traffic near the Post Fire Station on Lincoln Blvd. during Monday's rainstorm.

Photos and cutlines by Ken Juber

A torrent of water rushing down the hill on Infantry Terrace.

Looks like this engineer could have used a boat instead of a truck as he crosses this huge water hazard.



Raindrops on a flower – 1500 housing district — PSF.

Ed Center

Have you been meaning to obtain that advanced degree? Now is the time to make this a resolution for 1979. To help you achieve this goal a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management is available through Pepperdine University.

The program requires the completion of 12 academic courses and is especially designed to meet the needs of fully employed adult students. Each three-unit course spans the period of one month which includes two extended weekend seminars. Students may enroll at any time and it is possible for studies to be completed in 12 - 15 months.

All active duty personnel, dependents and DOD civilians are eligible to participate in the program. Tuition assistance is available including full VA reimbursement.

For further information contact Judy Lewis, Bldg. 29-B, Treasure Island, telephone 391-3236.

FILM CLASS OFFERED ON POST

Would you like an opportunity to find out what films are all about and earn college credit at the same time?

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a course called "Introduction to Film" which will be taught by San Francisco State instructor Michael Beer. The course carries 3 units of credit, is worth 3 promotion points, and would fit into almost any degree plan. Films will be shown during class, and topics to be covered include film as a unique medium, elements of structure and style, and critical judgment of films. Open to military and civilians. Phone X2974 for more information.

ON-POST GRADUATE COURSE

Golden Gate University has scheduled PA 302, Concepts in Organization and Management, to meet at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, on Tuesdays, 6 - 8:40 p.m., from January 30th - May 8th, 1979. Tuition for this core requirement in the Master of Public Administration degree is $237. For more information call x2974.

ENGLISH 107 - Second Year Composition (Instructor: Heinbockel).

For those who have completed Eng 106 or a similar first semester English composition course. This popular instructor will assist you in improving your writing skills. Tues & Thurs

HISTORY 111 - History of Western Civilization (Instructor: Scully).

The growth of political, economic and cultural institutions of the Western World from the Renaissance to the present time. No prerequisite. Counts as social science credit. Tues & Thurs

FILM 101 - Introduction to Film (Instructor: Beer).

We all go to movies, but what do we really know about them? In this course, you will learn about what makes film a unique medium, elements of structure and style, and what critics look for in judging films. This could be a most interesting and fun way to meet humanitives requirements! Mon & Wed

PSY 102 - Psychology of Social and Occupational Development (Instructor: Gilbert).

This course provides a unique opportunity: to learn basic concepts of psychology in terms of how they apply to you. You should emerge with a better understanding of how you got to where you are now. Applies toward Basic Subject requirement. Mon & Wed

BIO 330 - Human Sexuality (Instructors: John/May)

Junior level course deals with the genital system, psychology of sexual response, lovemaking, sexual deviation, restraints of law, birth control, and abortion. Mon & Wed.

All courses carry 3 semester hours credit at San Francisco State University and meet 6-9 p.m. For further information, phone ext. 2974 or 4030 (LAMC).

West Point Prep

Washington (ARNEWS) — Applications from soldiers who desire to enter the West Point Prep School are being accepted through April, 1979, according to DA officials.

This year's course, class of 79/80 of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) and located at Fort Monmouth, N.J., runs from August, 1979 through June, 1980, officials said.

The course is designed to qualify graduates for admission to West Point.

Most course graduates receive nominations that allow them to enter West Point, a school official said. However, these nominations are limited to 85 active duty and 85 reserve component members. Each USMAPS class of 300 students graduates about 200.

Basic qualifications for the course are that applicants be single, not older than 21 on July 1, 1979, have no criminal record and have a high school education with emphasis on college preparatory work.

Application procedures are the same for active and reserve personnel and are outlined in AR 351-12.

For more information, call the USMAPS admission office at Autovon 992-1807 or commercial (201) 532-1807, or write: Commandant, USMAPS) , Fort Monmouth, N.J., 07703.

Caught in the act!

This photo spoof **was set up and submitted by Ken and Tina Juber.**

Presidio sports wrap-up

by Bob Gascon

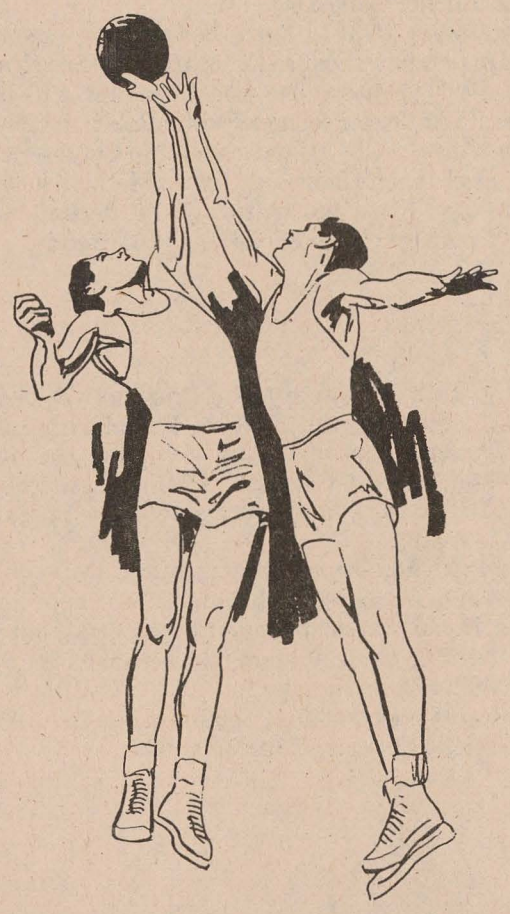
Round ball

A. MEN'S POST BASKETBALL TEAM:

Tryouts for the Presidio Men's Basketball Team are currently being conducted at Post Gym #1 and Post Gym #2 during the following periods. Individuals interested in making the team are urged to attend the practice sessions.

Monday	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Gym #1
Tuesday	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Gym #2
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Gym #1
Thursday	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Gym #2
Friday	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Gym #2

The team is preparing for the FORSCOM Championship, which is scheduled to be held at Ft. Hood, Texas, during the period Feb 26 - Mar 2. In addition to the FORSCOM Championship, the team will be playing scheduled practice games throughout the Bay Area.



B. WOMEN'S POST BASKETBALL TEAM:

The Presidio Women's Basketball Team is looking for players to augment the team that is currently preparing for the Women's FORSCOM Championship. Active duty women personnel interested in working out with the team are urged to contact the Sports Office, ext. 4120/5032.

The Presidio Women's team will be playing Mather Air Force Base at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 12 and at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, in Post Gym #1. Come on out and support our Women's Team.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS CLASS TO BEGIN. A new Youth Gymnastics class is being offered by Recreation Services Youth Activities for youngsters ages 5 thru 13. Lessons will begin Monday, February 5 at Gym #2, and will run every Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.until May 30, 1979. The cost of the class will be $5.00 per month per student. The instructor is Miss Jackie Bese who was a teachers assistant for gymnastics at Ricks College in Rexburg ID, and was gymnastics assistant at Wursburg American High School. Girls should wear leotards and socks; boys should wear shorts, T-shirt and socks. For further information, call the DYA Office/5143, or Miss Bese at 7771.

E. RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

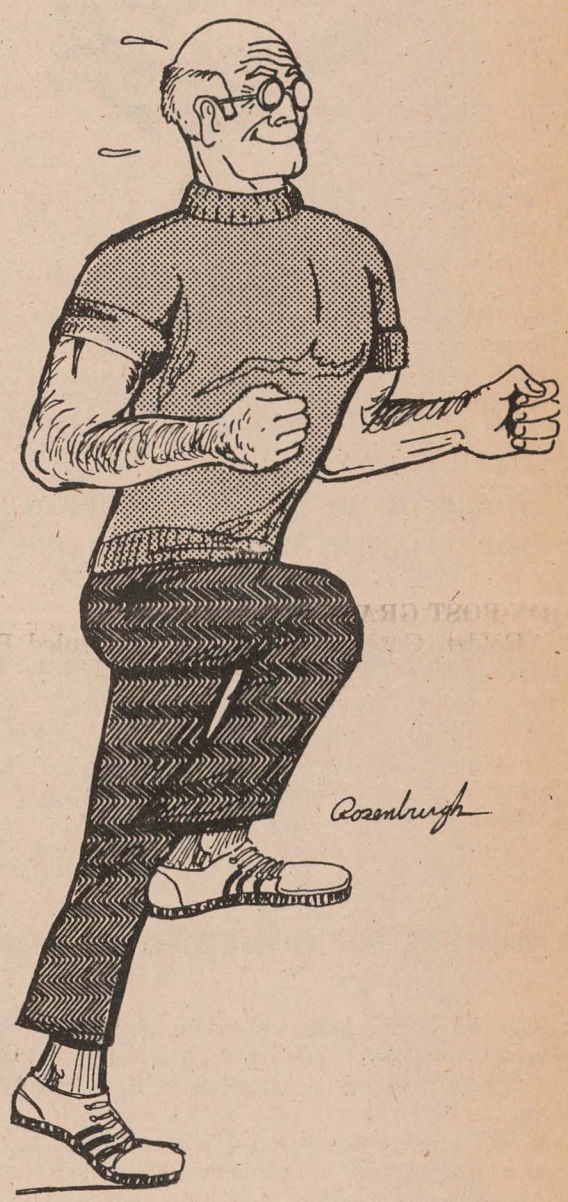
The Post Racquetball Tournament will start January 23. Competition will be as follows:

MEN: Open, Novice, Masters (40 years plus)
WOMEN: Open

Please sign up with your unit Sports Officer/NCO or visit Post Gym #1 office.

D. FUN FUN RACE

The monthly Fun Run Race will be held Wednesday, January 17. Start/Finish is at Gym #1, Bldg #63, beginning at Noon. This months course has two long gradual hills with a swift downhill finish interspersed with flat stretches. It will be a scenic five miles. All runners on post are invited to mingle with their fellow runners, run a new measured course and receive their times as they finish. We welcome all joggers, runners and racers and urge that they sign up at Gym #1, starting at 11:45. Call Bob Darling at the Post Gym Office, ext. 4120, for further information on all phases of running.



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Intramural Basketball

by Bob Gascon

LAIR (5-3) 49 - LAMC #2 (3-5) 48:

The second half of the Presidio Intramural Basketball Program kicked off this week as LAIR, champions of the Holiday Tournament, squeaked by LAMC #2 49 to 48. Leading 47 to 46, Lon Peterson's two free throws in the final seconds iced the game for LAIR. Peterson scored 15 points, followed by Clinton Beckett with 11 points. Dave Rameriz led LAMC #2 with 12 points, 10 coming in the second half.

LAMC #1 (7-1) 73 - 170th MP Co (3-5) 34:

LAMC #1 jumped off to an early lead in the first five minutes of play and never gave the 170th Military Policemen a chance to recover, as they led 37 to 14 at half time. Dwayne Gibson led LAMC with 24 points. Butler scored 14 points for the MP's.

USAG (3-5) 78 - FBI (5-3) 71:

A hot shotting Garrison Five came out firing, scoring 42 points on 21 field goals in the first half for a 42 to 30 advantage over the FBI. Each starter on the Garrison Five scored 8 points each during this period. Bobby Washington led Garrison's fire power with 15 points, followed by Frank Jones and Tonevich with 14 points each. The other two starters for Garrison, Dillard and Lewis, scored 12 and 10 points respectively. Mike Keenan led all scorers with 21 points, followed closely by Big Ed Gurinsky with 16 points.

LAMC #3 (6-1) 76 - 16th AG (4-3) 53:

Behind the scoring power of Dick Odom and Jim Oxley, 28 and 23 points respectively, the Professional Staff of LAMC dampered 16th AG's hopes of making the play-off, as they were soundly defeated 76 to 53. Stan Perry scored 19 points in a losing cause.

PHS (2-5) 42 - USACC (3-4) 41:

In the first overtime game of the second half in the Intramural Basketball Season, PHS and USACC battled to a 38 to 38 tie at the end of regulation play. PHS led 24 to 23 at half time. In the overtime period, Mark Krushat scored half of his total 6 points as he sank a free throw and a field goal for his PHS only points in the overtime period. Bill Jones and Kjeld Malvig led PHS scorers with 14 points each. Calvin Black of USACC led all scorers with 19 points, 15 coming in the first half.

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Free at last! Free at last!

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
Letter from the Birmingham jail. In the Atlantic Monthly (August 1963).

Martin Luther King Day

On January 15 at 11 a.m., there will be a memorial program to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Post Theater. The guest speaker will be Dr. Booker T. Andrews, former Public Relations Director for the Western Christian Leadership Conference and Minister of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church here in San Francisco. All military, dependent and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend.

On the 15th of January, the Presidio will observe the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As a part of that observation, the dining facilities of HQ Co Garrison, 864th Engineers and 504th MP Bn will host commemorative breakfasts from 7 to 8 a.m.

Breakfast will be open to all military, DoD civilian, and dependent personnel subject to appropriate charges. If you plan to attend, it is essential that your reservations be made not later than noon on the 9th of January.

All interested personnel should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at x3701 or x4602.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
January 15, 1979

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	
Prelude	Organist
11:01	
Intro of Opening Song	Mr. Fred Horton
11:02	
"Lift Every Voice & Sing"	Congregation
11:06	
Intro Remarks and Intro of Sixth US Army Commander	Col. Hamilton
11:11	
Remarks	Lt. Gen. Forrester
11:14	
Opening Prayer	Chap Col. Schweitzer
11:19	
Musical Selections	Gospel Dynamics Choir
11:21	
Pause for Reflection	Tape Recording Mrs. Coretta King
11:25	
Musical Solo	Maj. Brown - EEO LAMC
11:31	
Musical Selections	Gospel Dynamics Choir
11:35	
Intro of Guest Speaker	General Osteen
11:36	
Guest Speaker	Dr. Booker T. Anderson
11:51	
Concluding Prayer	Rabbi William Dalin
11:53	
Concluding Hymn "We Shall Overcome"	Congregation
11:57	
March from Theater to Rec Ctr for Refreshments	Guests/Congregation

News notes

Money for education

If your dependent son or daughter will be attending college or post-secondary vocational school this year, maybe the Army Emergency Relief (AER) can help you.

AER has an educational assistance program for dependent children of active duty, retired and deceased Army personnel. The program assists such students in pursuing post-secondary vocational or undergraduate studies.

The educational assistance program includes loans and/or scholarships. Since funds are limited, applications are competitively evaluated. Financial need is the primary criterion for both scholarships and loans. In addition, the student's academic achievements and ability, and personal accomplishments are considered.

Completed AER applications, and documentation should arrive at Headquarters AER no later than March 1, 1979.

Students currently receiving AER assistance are reminded that they are required to reapply annually for aid.

For application forms and detailed information contact your local Army Emergency Relief Office or Headquarters AER, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314. **(FORSCOM B-1)**

Blue Cross

A representative of Blue Cross - Blue Shield, Jackie Londhair, will be making a field service call to the Presidio February 27 between 8 to 11 a.m. If you have a problem or question concerning your Blue Cross - Blue Shield coverage, please contact Cindy Swift, X5758 for an appointment.

Black History Week

1. If you can dance, act, and/or sing then you are the person we need! The Black History Talent Planning Committee is still taking auditions for talent presentations during Black History Week.
Auditions: February 1 1979, Final & Make-Up Audition, February 8 1979
Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Point of Contact - Maj. Davis, 3701
2. Write an essay and be rewarded! The essay committee of the Presidio Black History Week Committee will be accepting literary works.
Topics:
a. Why the observance of Black History Week is important to me.
b. Black History Week: A Time for Reflection.
c. Black History Week, Past, Present and Future.
Interested personnel should submit essays consisting of three typed pages doubled spaced, submitted NLT than February 5 1979.
3. Black History Week has been set for February 11-17. The festivities include guest speakers, musical programs, an essay writing contest, and a talent contest. All military, dependent and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend.

Counseling

A Preretirement Counseling Program will be available to all military personnel planning to retire during the period January 31 through July 31, 1979. Representatives of the Veterans Administration, Civil Service Commission, California Employment Development Department, Social Security Administration, USA Transfer Point, Army Education Center, Staff Judge Advocate, Household Goods Branch, Transportation Division and Presidio Retirement Services Office will provide individual and small group counselling at the Recreation Center, building 135, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, January 23, 1979. Wives are invited to attend.

W-2 form

Washington (ARNEWS) — Tax withholding information on a W-2 form statement and leave and earning statement (LES) may not agree in some cases, according to officials at the Army Finance Center.

Officials said that December end-of-year LES, for some soldiers, show different tax totals than 1978 W-2 forms.

The tax withholding information on W-2 forms, used to file Federal Income Taxes, is correct, officials stressed, even if it does not agree with a December LES.

The W-2 forms were completed after December LES were issued and, in some cases, contain updated information that was not available when LES were completed, officials explained.

Questions on W-2 statements or LES information should be referred to local finance offices.

Ballet classes

Parents interested in having their children, ages 5 and up, participate in youth ballet classes are requested to contact Mrs. Helen Piernik, telephone 994-0681 (Daly City) between the hours of noon to 2 p.m.; or register at Bldg. 1390 (near Ft. Scott Chapel) on Thursdays, January 4 and 11 between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. All classes will be held on Post.

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Mayor Feinstein assures Presidio of City support

by Mike Tielmann

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein early this week acknowledged the City's official position regarding the proposed closure of the Presidio.

Speaking before the annual awards luncheon of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) at the historic Presidio Officers' Club, the Mayor candidly announced that she will do everything in her power — even carry a picket sign in front of "A LESSER (important) post in Georgia" (Ft. McPherson) if the decision by DoD officials is to close the Presidio as an active Army installation.

Citing the ties that have bound the City and the military here at the Presidio since the late 1700's, Mayor Feinstein expressed anguish at the Department of Defense's assertion that either a reduction of activities or full closure of the Presidio could achieve fiscal efficiency with taxpayer's dollars.

The Mayor indicated that while she is certainly in favor of government spending economies, she wants to assure that any closure or realignment decision be based on all available pertinent data, and not simply on what she termed "political cosmetics." Feinstein assured the capacity crowd of 350 persons attending the CFC luncheon that she is strengthening the Mayor's Committee to Save the Presidio, a committee of prominent, civic-minded business and community leaders organized by the late Mayor George Moscone.

Members of the Mayor's Committee and City officials plan to not only look carefully at every aspect of the Department of Defense study, but to embark upon an independent study of their own. According to the Mayor, she and her committee are going to mount what she identified as "an intelligent and energetic campaign" and she promised to "dog it each step of the way." The Mayor feels confident that her committee will be able to justify retention of the Presidio as an active installation. Federal activities located on the Presidio of San Francisco presently help to make this post the largest civilian employer in the City. Should activities here be reduced or shut down altogether, this — according to City officials — would cause an adverse economic impact of great magnitude.

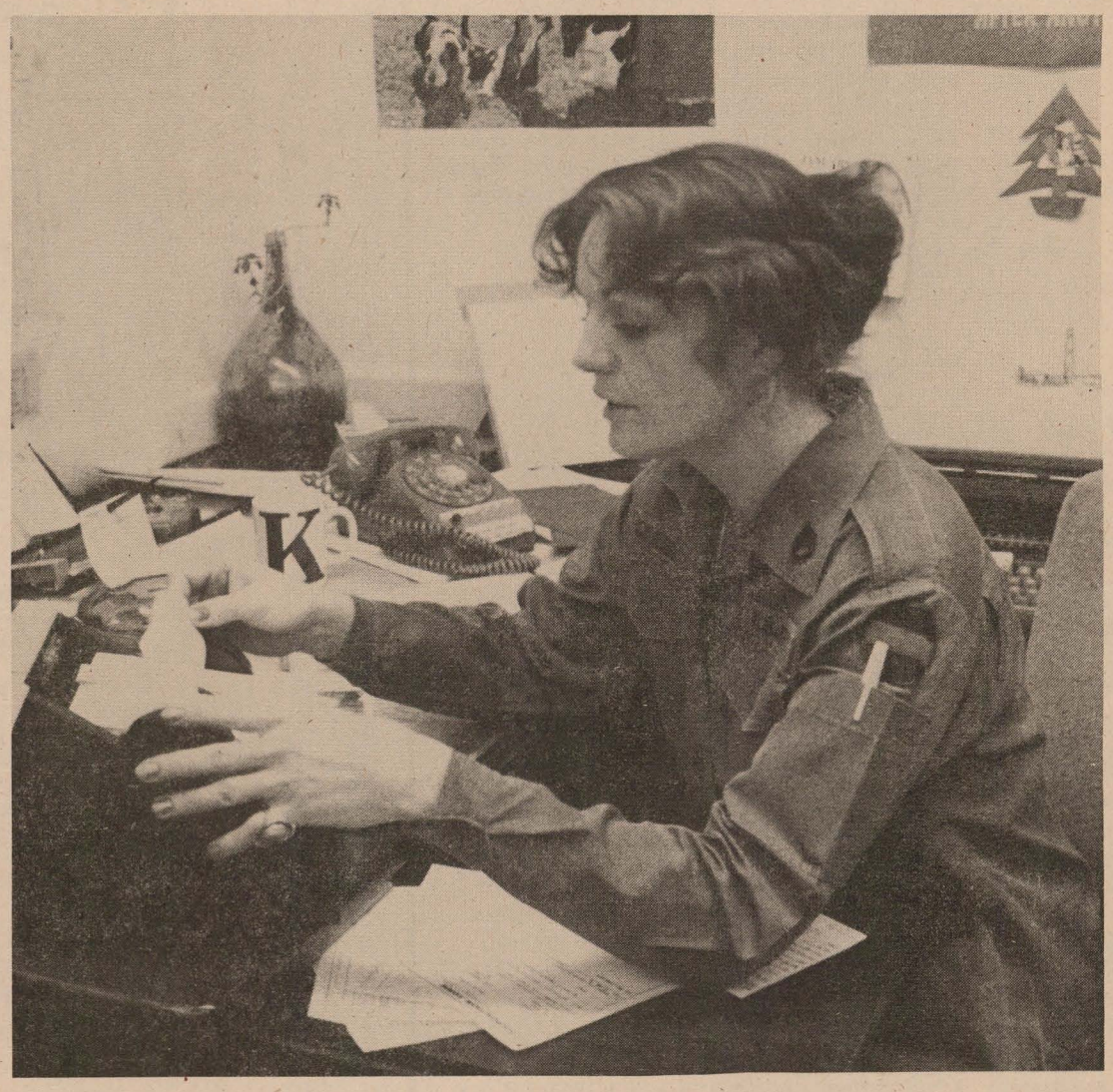
Several years ago, when the City's Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard was closed, some 5,500 civilian jobs were lost. If this same fate were to befall the Presidio, San Francisco could expect to lose yet another 3,500 jobs, not including the more than 3,000 military positions located here.

Photo by Bill Malkiel

Presidio's Army Women

Right: SSgt. Kathy Chadbourne

Left: Capt. Sundra Boyd



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SQT: An innovative concept

by Bob Wilcox

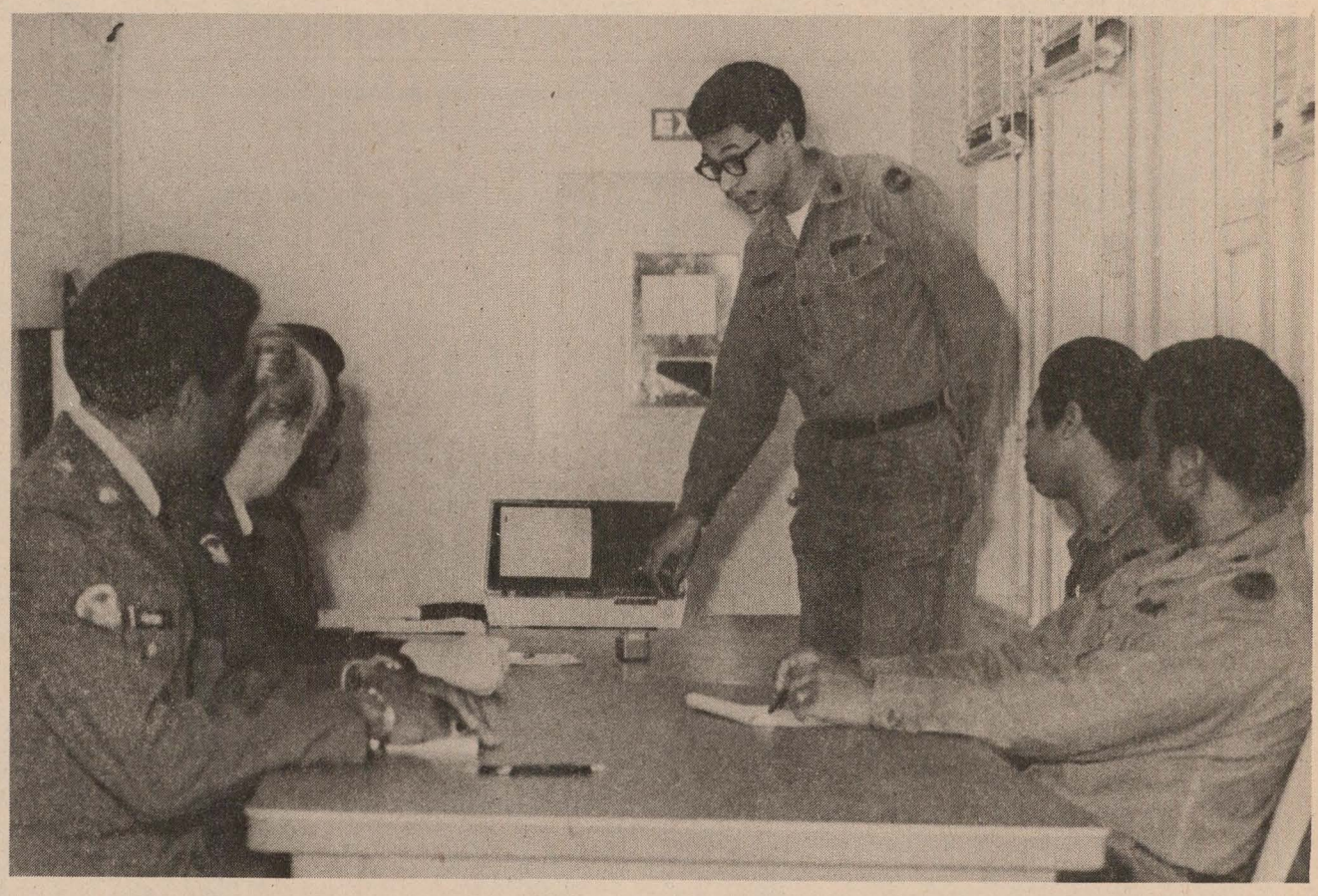
A new innovative concept in SQT training was developed several weeks ago in COMPACT Staff Division, PSF. Realizing that when group training is conducted at the Company class room or the theater, problems occur in getting individuals released by the staff sections to attend training, COMPACT brought SQT training to the troops. With the support of the COMPACT Chief, Capt. Babylon and Sergeant Major, SGM Reckner, training is now being conducted two days a week in COMPACT.

Using Training Extension Course (TEC) audio-visual material and the Bessler Q-C machines, training sessions are 1½ hours each and they are all conducted in the COMPACT conference room, where the section chief could get hold of an individual in an emergency. The various staff sections within COMPACT are broken down into teams of 4 - 7 members with an E-5 or an E-6 (normally the first line supervisor) responsible for conducting training for the team. This supervisor is referred to as the "Group Leader" and is responsible for testing, operating the Q-C machine and leading and directing group discussions of the subject lesson. These responsibilities offer an E-5 or E-6 the opportunity to practice and develop his leadership and communications skills, an important element in Junior Leadership Development. Only one team trains at a time so as not to disrupt normal office operations, and the team only trains one day a week.

Training for COMPACT initially will cover the common tasks (First Aid, CBR, Map Reading and the M-16 Rifle). **There is a pre-test, the TEC lesson, a post-test, and then a practical exercise (PE) where each individual WILL DEMONSTRATE his ability to perform the task learned.** The PE for First Aid will incorporate the use of a practice dummy provided by LAMC. (SFC Jack Daniels, Training NCO for LAMC will train the Group Leaders on how to conduct the PE). The PE for CBR will be going to the gas chamber. (DPTSEC will operate the gas chamber). (DPTSEC will operate the gas chamber).

The PE for Map Reading will be a compass course and the PE for the M-16 Rifle will be the annual weapons qualification. Subsequent lessons will incorporate specific MOS learning tasks.

Feedback indicates that the individuals taking the training feel it is very worthwhile. In fact, initial response to this type of training has been so favorable that Headquarters Company, USAG has adopted this method as the primary means of conducting SQT training in the Company. Post Sergeant Major, CSM George has lent his full support to the project as has the Headquarters Commandant, LTC Baker. HQ Co USAG Training NCO SFC Bill Hetzer will work with each Staff Division Sergeant Major or NCOIC in setting up the program and monitoring its progress. SFC Hetzer can be contacted at 561-4277.



In this photograph, **Team I, Management Section, COMPACT, has a 1-1/2 hour training session led by Group Leader Sp5 Miles. Members of the team are Sp5 Goosby, Sp5 Weeks, Sp5 Tovar, Sp4 Johnson and Sp4 Muffett. (photo by Phil White)**

Crime Scene

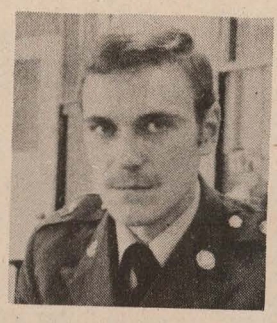
by Bernard Cannon

When comparing the population density of downtown San Francisco to that of Presidio, it is evident that residents of this post enjoy a much less densely populated living area. In addition residents of Presidio probably have a greater degree of police protection than their civilian counterparts that live downtown, considering the number of Military Policemen/women and other investigative agencies that support the Presidio in its police mission.

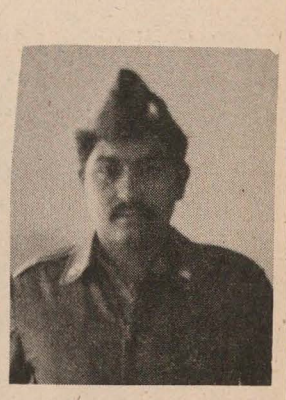
No matter how many patrols you put on the streets, the police cannot prevent or solve crime without public support. Police departments depend on the people they serve for knowledge of who the criminals are and where they can be found. The Presidio Military Police are well equipped and are ready to respond to any emergency or request for assistance 24 hours per day. Should you become a victim of a crime, the longer you wait to report it to the police, the less chance there is in solving the crime, every second counts. If you witness a crime in progress, phone the Desk Sgt. at 2251/2252/2253 and tell him the facts. Should you uncover any criminal activity and wish to discuss the matter confidentially, phone 4721 or 4217. With your support and concern, nobody should live in fear of crime while living on Presidio, during 1979.

Ramblin' Sam

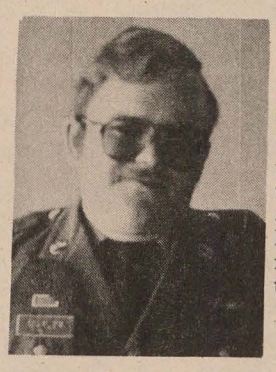
What do you think of declaring Martin Luther King's birthday a legal holiday?



Pvt. Patrick Mayfield, SIDPERS — "Yes, I think it would be a good idea, he did a lot for our country. He helped to make the country stronger, by bringing people together. He was a great man."

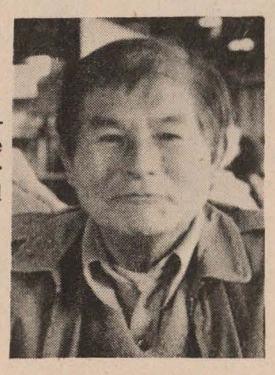


Sp5 Larry Laguerra, 6th Army DCSPA — "Yes, I think it should become a holiday, because he did a lot for the rights of minorities. He was fighting for a good cause, and because of him there are others who are following in his footsteps to gain rights for others."



PFC Glenn Marler, C Co. William Beaumont Medical Center, Ft. Bliss — "Yes, I think they should. Since they're trying to make everyone else's a holiday, they might as well. He did a lot of good for the minorities and he should have this special day just for him."

Pvt. Laurie Carlson, Customer Service, COMPACT — "Yes, I think it should be a holiday, because he was an important figure for civil rights. He's a part of American History and should be honored with a special day."



SPC Elwood Low, USA Ret. — "Yes, I'm for it. He was the one who tried to get equality for the minorities. He did a good job and he gave his life for it."

USAG: A New Era

by Ted Elisee

A new era for HQ Company USAG began on January 7, 1979.

Outgoing Company Commander, Captain Thomas J. Smith passed the guidon to Captain Sundra Boyd the new company commander. Capt. Boyd, a native of Pittsburg, Texas is anxious to begin her job. Said Capt. Boyd, "I am confident that I can do a good job. I feel I am a hard worker, and I care about people. Most importantly, I have the support of all the staff sections. Obviously, that support will assure my success."

Boyd has been in the Army for three and a half years. She holds a Masters Degree in Biology. Before coming on active duty she worked as a teacher on the junior high school level in the field of Physical Life and Earth Sciences.

When asked why she came into the Army, she responded, "I saw no potential for advancement in my career field unless I went into administration. Women did not have the advantages then as they do today. I saw the Army as an opportunity to advance."

Captain Boyd is pleased and surprised that she has been asked to assume a company. She feels that the Presidio has given her every opportunity to perform. She has not detected any resistance to her role as a woman in the military. She added that perhaps there are still problems existing elsewhere; but not here.

Captain Boyd noted that her job is first to adhere to post policy, but that she was open to new ideas for improving the living conditions at USAG. "My first step as company commander will be to examine life in the barracks and propose changes if I find them necessary," she said. This is what I have the Open Door policy for, too. I hope the soldiers will take the time to speak to me about their problems, remembering that I want to do a good job."

Boyd feels that one reason women may not be reenlisting in greater numbers is that they are not being properly utilized in their MOS. "I really believe that women play an active vital part in the Army," she said.

And so, Captain Sundra Boyd, who was the assistant commandant, and Admin Services Officer at the HQs Command began a new era at USAG. She closed her interview with this statement — "I just want to do the best I can - a good job."

Spotlight

Stories and photos by Linda Spillane and Ted Elisee

Staff Sergeant Kathy Chadbourne is from Thousand Oaks, California and is the Facilities NCO here.

When it comes to office work situations, SSgt. Chadbourne believes that professionalism is the name of the game. "I don't believe that women try to excel in a professional manner in an office siutation," she says. "A lot of women don't try to keep the formal level up while on the job. They bring the level down to a personal one and when this happens, you lose the respect of fellow workers and peers," she explained.

"Because women are being rated and graded all the time as women, they have to keep their professionalism up," she emphasized.

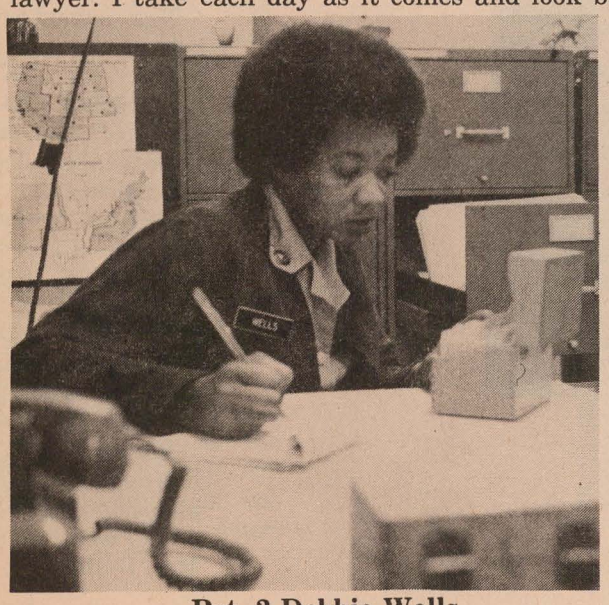
"I think to show that we're equal, women in the service should work together for the unity of both service men and women," she continued. "By doing so, an equal work balance would be created," she concluded.

"My job is dealing with all the facilities on the Presidio and Ft. Baker. I also work as the point of contact for billeting, messing and making necessary arrangements for community service projects," she added.

When asked about her goals, she answered "I want to complete my education and become a lawyer. I take each day as it comes and look back on yesterday as a lesson and keep on going," she firmly expressed.

"I definitely treat people the way I would want to be treated," she ended.

SSgt. Kathy Chadbourne



Pvt. 2 Debbie Wells

Pvt. 2 Debbie Wells is from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and is a Movement Specialist in the Transportation Division here.

"In the transportation division I'm involved in unit moves. I do the necessary paperwork for moving an entire unit from one location to another," she explained. "This includes units going into the field on training exercises," she added.

"I think the Army is a great challenge for women. It's good experience for the women to be right there with the men doing whatever they do," she said. "If we get enough women together we can break the old stigma that some of the old timers hold against women soldiers," she added.

"I want to continue my education and get my degree in sociology and do social work, and eventually settle down and raise a family.

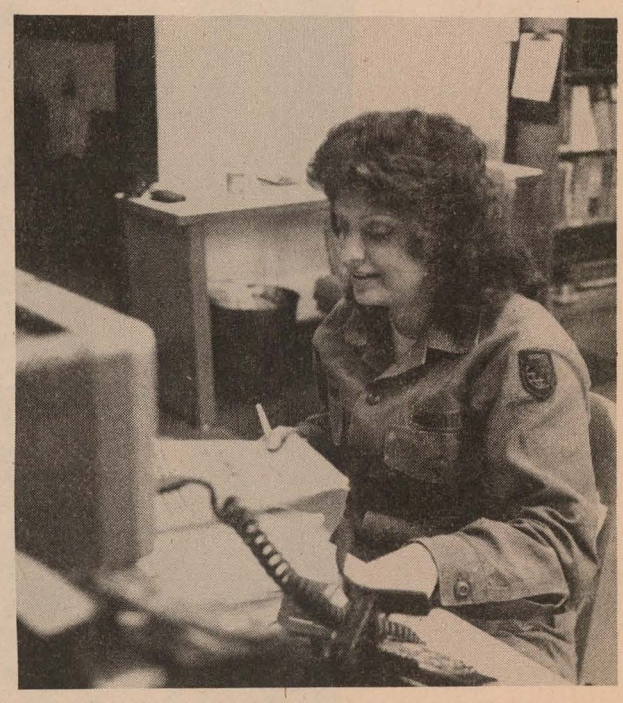
Sergeant Angie Salsbury hails from Council Bluffs, Iowa and is the Chief Operator at the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) here.

"At the MARS station we operate voice radio nets and talk to other MARS stations and civilian amateur stations," she explained of her job. "We operate radio teletype and international Morse Code. We also provide phone patches. Not many people use this particular service on the Presidio. This is probably because they don't know about it," she added.

When asked about women's roles in the Army she replied, "I think women should be given more responsibility. The more fields that become open to women mean a lot more opportunities. I think that women are currently capable of handling those responsibilities given them," she said.

"The Army's policy is that a solider is a soldier, but there's a lot of people in the Army who haven't accepted this policy," she explained.

Sgt. Salsbury has taken some college courses and plans to continue her education and get a degree in criminology. She enjoys playing raquetball and likes to read. She wants to take flying lessons and then obtain her pilots license.



Sgt. Angie Salsbury

PFC Dolores Frank is a native New Yorker and is a Suspense Clerk working at COMPACT here.

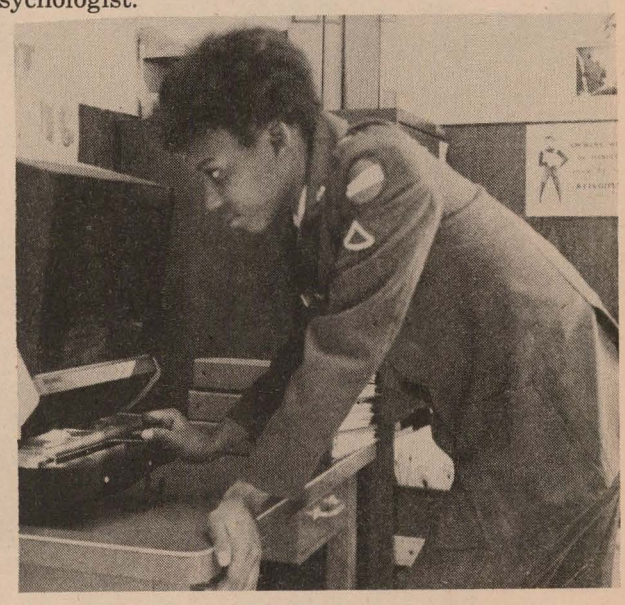
PFC Frank believes that women are a valuable asset to the Army, and explains, "I feel that women are living up to their capabilities. There are more opportunities for women now, and I believe that women are taking advantage of this, and are getting into most of the newly open fields."

She admits that there are problems and says that some are caused by the old time sergeants who still expect today's women soldiers to fit the role of the WAC of years ago," she said. "A lot of the older officers who were enlisted members prior to being commissioned are the ones who are aware of what these problems are," she added.

"As a suspense clerk, I'm responsible for sending out paper work concerning ETS orders, notifying personnel of their impending physical examinations, and good conduct medals," she explained.

PFC Frank is a high school graduate and also completed modeling school, an art course, and a gymnastics course. Her interests vary from drawing cartoons to participating in track and field and gymnastic events. PFC Frank also enjoys ice skating and swimming.

When discussing her goals, Dolores says, "I'd like to get more involved in my artwork and I want to continue my education and become a child psychologist."



PFC Dolores Frank

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Presidio Pre-School and kindergarten

photos submitted by Tina Juber and Presidio Pre-school

CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

School is again in session, as the second term begins at the Presidio Pre-School & Kindergarten.

The school, which is located in building 567 and 572, has seen many new changes during the past year. The fall session began in September with a new director Mrs. Arlyene Ballard, and since then the school has had a facelift with all rooms colorfully painted, the installation of new draperies, several pieces of additional playground equipment and safety turf has been placed under all of the playground equipment. Also two additional aid positions have been established.

A LEARNING PROCESS

The school is attended by children ranging in age from two and a half to six years old, who are divided into 5 different age levels. "This is definitely a learning process where the children have an opportunity to advance both emotionally and academically," stated Mrs. Ballard. The students are involved in games, stories, plays, cooking, art, sing-a-longs, films and numerous special preparations for events like the Halloween parade. This year the students paraded in costume to Letterman Hospital, where they presented treats and gifts to the children in the pediatrics ward. At Thanksgiving, the children prepared the food for their Thanksgiving feast and were dressed in Pilgrim and Indian costumes which they had made. At Christmas time the students performed a musical program for the public. They also offered, this year an opportunity for post families to have Family Portraits taken for Christmas.

FIELD TRIPS

The students take several field trips during the school year to places like the San Francisco zoo, the post fire station, the Golden Gate Park, and Peterson's Pumpkin Farm, where they pick their own pumpkins from the vine for Halloween.

UP COMING EVENTS

Some of the schools up coming activities include, beginning in January a 9 session course in SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING, which will be coordinated by Dr. L. Wanberg from Letterman. In February a program will be presented during National Dental Week by the Letterman Dental Clinic and will provide an opportunity for both students and parents together, to have their teeth professionally checked at the school. In March a spaghetti dinner is scheduled, and it will be opened to the public. There is also the ongoing weekly trip to the post library every Thursday.

TUITION SUPPORT ONLY

The school is supported solely by the tuition that is paid by the parents. It also has a parent elected Board of Governors which meets the fourth Monday of each month, with Sp. Steve Firese as the Board President and with Maj. Harold McCartney as the fund custodian. The parents contribute a great deal of their time to help install equipment, curtains, sand or whatever the schools needs might be. We have very concerned parents who are very willing to give of their time for their childrens school.

SCHOOLS SCHEDULE

The schools morning classes are from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. with an additional educational/recreational program from 1 to 5 p.m. for those parents desiring to leave their child/children the entire day. Also special arrangements can be made whereby a limited number of children can be cared for beginning at 7 a.m.

TEACHING STAFF

The schools staff of teachers includes Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Jupe, Mrs. Scholler, and Mrs. White. Mrs. Stone is the Kindergarten instructor. All of the teachers have an education degree, are well qualified, and have many years of experience. The afternoon session has two very qualified instructors, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Tracy. A nap and lunch room are provided, as is milk, though children that stay all day must bring their own lunch.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE

"We operate the school on a year-round basis," Mrs. Ballard explained, "and we believe that the tuition charged, the education provided, and the convenience of having your child/children on the Presidio, there is no finer Pre-School/Kindergarten.

We are still accepting students in four of the five levels and a waiting list is also available. Applications and booklets may be obtained at the school and for full information contact the director, Mrs. Ballard, at 561-4805.

Spotlight continued

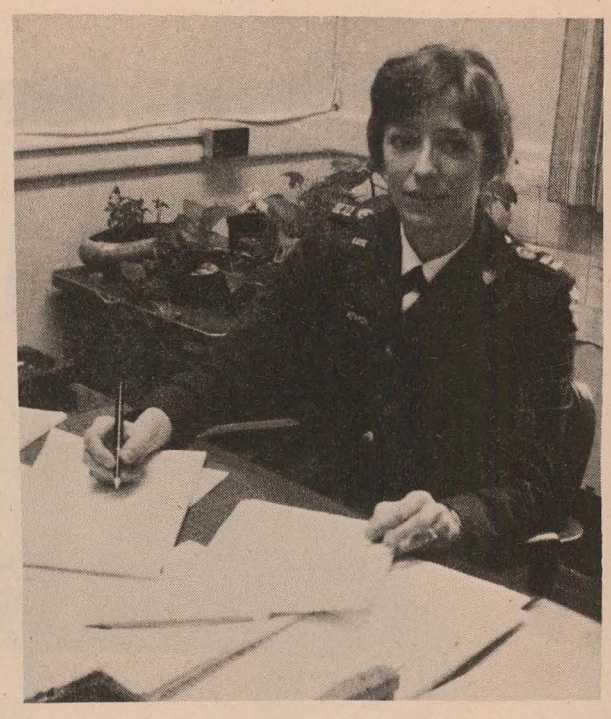
Captain Karen J. Kenyon of Phoenix, Arizona is the adjutant for 6th Region CID.

Capt. Kenyon's academic accomplishments include an AA in Pre Med and both a BA and MA in Psychology. Just prior to joining the Army she taught psychology at Phoenix College, and at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas. She found her teaching to be fulfilling and noted that her students were interested in learning. Capt. Kenyon is a member of PSI CHI (National Psychology Honorary). "My goals are to keep moving forward to meet each day with a positive attitude. And, to complete work on my doctorate," said Kenyon.

Capt. Kenyon has been in the Army four years and is responsible for personnel actions with 6th region CID which includes Alaska and Hawaii.

On looking at women in the Army she reflects, "It's going to take a long time before men and women realize the potential women have. I think the Army is moving forward. Of course every woman in the Army is not living up to what they can do and neither is every man. I think a job is what you can make it," she adds. "Every new idea is going to be frightening at first until we do it, but the effort has to be made," she added. "It's like the old saying, the proof is in the pudding, meaning reviewing actual test results to see if things work out," she said.

In her spare time Capt. Kenyon enjoys playing the guitar and singing her own compositions. "I'll tackle just about any kind of hobby," she says. "I've been doing some woodworking, and if I need something, I'll see if I can build it first or fix it myself, because I enjoy doing it." "By doing it yourself, you get a nice feeling," she ended.



Capt. Karen Kenyon

REMEMBRANCES . . . .

by Ted Elisee

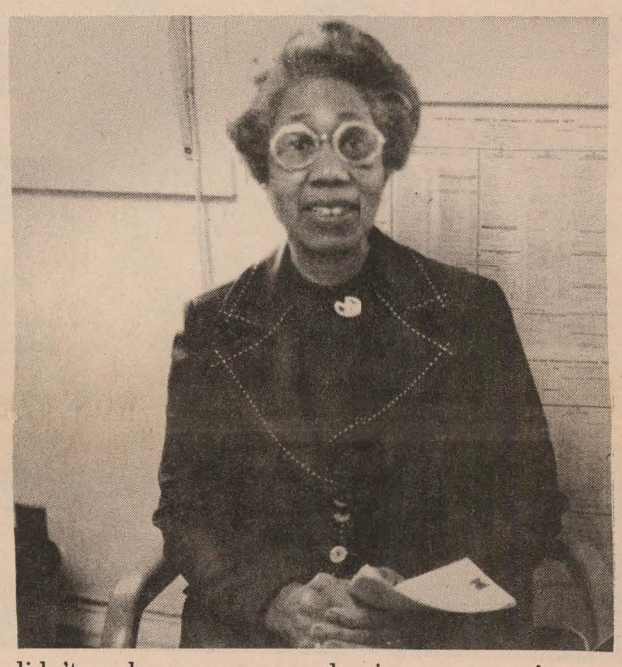
Mrs. Faricita Wyatt, a San Franciscan, served as a captain in the Woman's Army Corps during World War II.

"My service," said Mrs. Wyatt, "was not so unusual then." "I was not the first woman to serve in the Army, nor was I the first black woman to serve either. The only real difference I can recall about the military then was that the ranks were segregated."

"Now that was not so difficult to live with," related Mrs. Wyatt. "I was already exposed to segregation during my civil service tenure in DC."

Mrs. Wyatt entered the Army as an auxiliary (Trainee) in 1943. During her basic training she was offered the opportunity to go to OCS. She readily accepted that challenge and went on to be a recruiter in Des Moines, Iowa, and a company commander at Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island in New York. She just smiled when she recalled her days at Halloran. "I remember wondering why I got myself into this. All that chatter in the Mess Hall really got to me. My command was a good one though," she added. "I will never forget how impressed I was with the women's abilities, and also how great the opportunities were, that the Army had to offer."

When asked about early problems that women may have experienced in the military, Mrs. Wyatt smiled and said, "Well, you know we came into the Army to free men from certain jobs, so that they could go into combat. I must say that this



didn't make us very popular in some men's eyes. I would even say that in some cases this brought about a resistance by men."

Mrs. Wyatt feels that there is no reason why a woman couldn't advance to the top, today. "I have known women who are physically and mentally prepared to handle a man's job." "A woman should be first looked at as a human being," she added.

Mrs. Wyatt is now a retired teacher who does volunteer work at the UC Med Center.

by Karen Kenyon

ARMY LIFE

They said I'd see the world, and this they told me true
They said I'd fight the war; I did and made it through,
But the hardest things I face, are the things they couldn't say,
Such as coming here to say "good bye" today.

Army life, Army life. Memories are there of the moments
that we share
Goodbye is all a part of Army LIFE.

So long, my faithful comrades, thank you for your company.
And in the years to come, I hope you'll think of me.
Through the times of laughter and the times of strife,
Our hearts are drawn together through Army Life.

With each new passing day dear faces fade away.
But the memories that they leave shall never pass
As with the setting of the sun, I know when life is done
We'll be together then as in the past.

I've struggled with my fear, yes I've proved myself brave
I've stood up straight and strong bearing loved ones to their grave
But each new goodbye twists within me like a knife
It's the part I dread the most about Army Life.

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Miss Black America appearing at PSF

Miss Black America, Lydia Jackson, will appear at the Recreation Services Building, (Bldg. 135), on January 21st.

Miss Black America is traveling on a USO tour with other contestants from the Miss Black America Pageant. Appearing with Miss Jackson will be: Elizabeth Foster, Miss Black South Carolina; Debra Greer, Miss Black Oklahoma, and Judianna Furlough, Miss Black Louisiana.

Musical back up will be provided by the Milky Way Band. Everyone is invited to come to the show, which will be an hour of music and dance..

For further information contact Miss de la Torre, Recreation Services Director at ext. 2000.

USO moves

The USO has relocated to a new building here in San Francisco.

It is now located in the Stratford Hotel. Address: 242 Powell St. Why not stop by and see the new facilities? For further information about the USO call 982-4163.

Essay Contest

These are instructions for writing your essays for Black History Week 1979, at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA.

First, the essay should be no less than two and no greater than three 8½" x 11" double spaced typewritten pages. It is suggested that each page be divided into two or more paragraphs. The topics for 1979 are:

(1) **What Black History Week means to me.**
(2) **Black History Week: a time for reflection.**
(3) **Black History Week: past, present and future.**

If you are a person who wishes to write about your feelings primarily, then topic number (1) would probably be most suitable for you. Topic number (3) should lend itself to essay writers who would like to do some research. And subject number (2) is meant to be intermediate between the other two.

We have chronological factsheets of major and significant events in Black History for the period from 1492 to 1968. A copy of the factsheet will be given to prospective essayists to help them to get started on their writing tasks.

Black History Week begins the second Sunday in February. Black History week was established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Black Historian who was educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Paris (Sarbonne). He became convinced that the contributions of his people — Black people — to American history was being largely ignored. He saw that special research into the neglected past of the Black people was needed and founded the Association for the Study of Negro life and History on 9 September 1915. The dates of Black History Week were chosen by Dr. Woodson because the birthdates of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass fall respectively on February 12th and 14th.

Activities during Black History Week — public lectures in schools, churches, clubs; displays character portrayals, and many other forms of exposition are employed. Black History Week was started to tell Black people about their past and to develop an appreciation of their past. A second important objective was to foster thw growth of understanding between ethnic groups in America. Therefore, it is hoped that other ethnic groups will participate by attendance at the events and take part in the activities.

The essays will be judged and prizes will be awarded. You should turn in your completed essay to Equal Opportunity Office prior to close of business (COB) February 8, 1979.

We wish you the best of luck in your efforts.

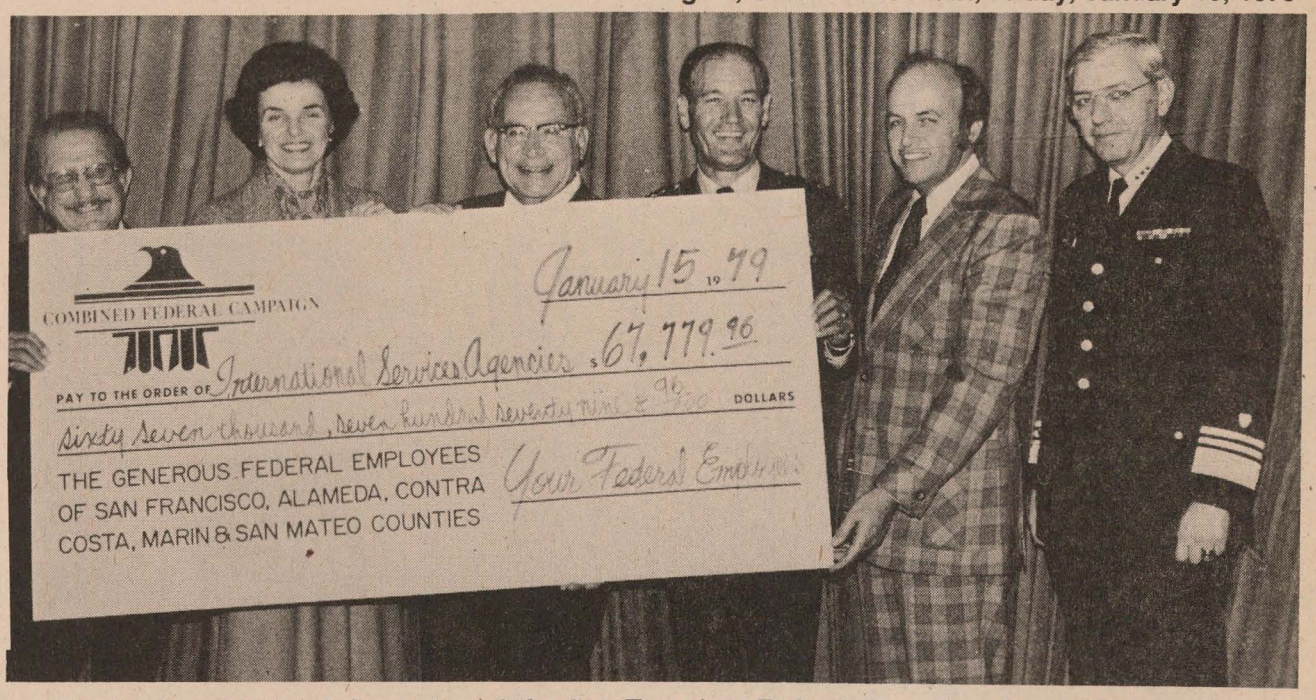
Mayor accepts CFC check

by Mike Tielmann

The contributions that were made to the San Francisco Bay Area by members and families of the area's 74,000 Federal Workers were acknowledged by Mayor Feinstein, Monday.

county area comprising the Greater San Francisco Bay Area have pledged $1,232,363.00 to the Combined Federal Campaign for 1978. The five counties are: San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, Marin and San Mateo.

The CFC supports the local projects and activities of nearly 200 charities and service organizations operating under the auspices of three major agencies, the United Way of the Bay Area, the National Health Agencies and the International Service Agencies.



The Combined Federal Campaign **of the San Francisco Federal Executive Board (FEB) presented checks Monday to the United Way of the Bay Area, the National Health Agencies (NHA), and the International Service Agencies (ISA) at an Awards Luncheon at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Club. Holding one of the oversized checks are, from left, Mr. Jonathan Slott, ISA; Mayor Dianne Feinstein, luncheon speaker; Mr. Louis Esposito, FEB Chairman; Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, Commanding General, Sixth U.S. Army; Mr. Thomas Cardoza, former FEB Chairman; and Vice Admiral James Gracey, Military Chairman of the 1978 CFC. The federal employees of San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and San Mateo Counties contributed more than $1,232,000 to the three organizations of the CFC. (US ARMY PHOTO BY Bill Malkiel)**

Presidio sports wrap-up

A. ALL-ARMY BASKETBALL TEAM:

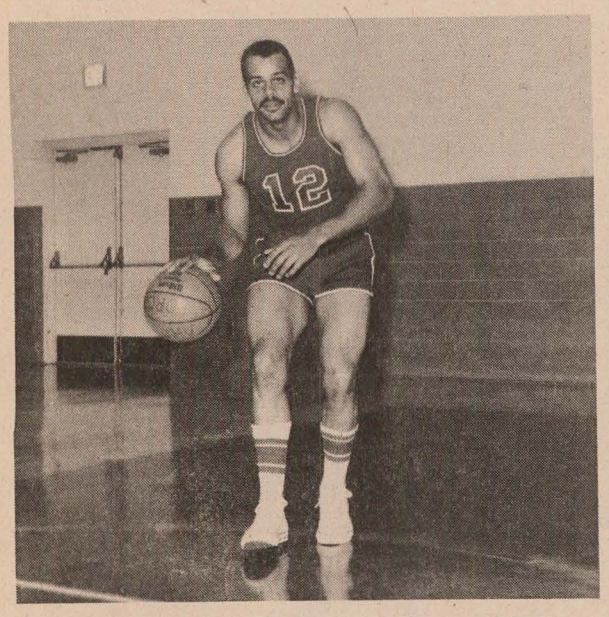
The All-Army Basketball Training Camp will get under way at the Presidio starting January 20. Fifteen of the Army's finest players in the United States Army will be competing for twelve coveted berths, to form the All-Army Basketball Team. Hal Fischer, Presidio Sports Directors, and a member of the Helm's Hall of Fame, will be coaching the team for the 20th year. The team will be defending their Interservice Championship at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, March 4 - 10.

Returning team members will include Presidio's Pierre Russell, Co D, 864th Engrs Bn and Alford Forney, Hq Co USAG.

During their training period, the All-Army team will compete against some of the top amateur teams in California, including the following tournaments:

Manteca Tournament of Champions, February 3-4 and 9-10

South Lake Tahoe Annual Washington's Birthday Invitational, February 18 and 19.



Pierre Russell, Co D, 864th Engrs, **All-American, University of Kansas and three years with Kentucky "Colonels", will represent the Presidio in the All-Army Basketball Training Camp. Team captain Russell is one of ten players from last years' supreme team returning for the season.**

B. POST BASKETBALL TEAMS:

The Post Men and Women's cagers will host Vanderberg Air Force Base on Saturday and Sunday, this week. Game times on Saturday will be 1:30 p.m. with the Women's game, followed by the Men's game. On Sunday, the first game will start at noon.

Leading the Presidio's women team will be Iris Turner, who will be departing soon for the Women's All-Army Basketball Training Camp. Presidio's Men's team is comprised of the outstanding players of the Presidio Intramural League.

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
LAMC #1	8	1
864th Engrs	7	2
FBI	6	4
LAIR	6	4
USAG	4	6
LAMC #2	3	6
170th MP Co	3	7
163rd MP Co	0	7

FT. SCOTT LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
HQ 6th Army	8	0
LAMC #3	6	1
16th AG Det	4	4
DENTAC	2	5
PHS	2	7

D. BOWLING STARS OF THE WEEK

Tony LeCroy
191-255-235 = 681 Series
Earl Hannan
199-219-235 = 653 Series
Mel Clifford
190-244-212 = 646 Series
Ron Ealy
182-216-235 = 633 Series
Joseph Kazmierczak
166-218-243 = 627 Series
Jim Wales
212-188-201 = 601 Series

E. SUPER BOWL - PRESIDIO SPORTS EXPERTS PREDICTIONS

That annual brouhaha known as the Super Bowl, this year its lucky 13, will commence on Saturday night, the game itself will be televised on Sunday. After much meditation and crystal ball gazing the sports experts in DPCA and Sports Branch have consented to give their opinions. Herewith their predictions:

Col. John D. Hamilton, PSF Post Commander
Steelers by a field goal or conversion

Col. Desmond D. Dewey, PSF DPCA
It won't be Dallas

Capt. Henry T. Smith, Recreation Services Officer
Pittsburgh by 10

Mr. Hal Fischer, Sports Director, PSF
Pittsburgh all the way - at least by 10.

Miss Julian Kite, Assistant Sports Director
Steelers by 7 - final score 17-10.

Mr. Bob Darling, Sports Specialist
Pittsburgh by 7 - rain or shine.

SFC Wilbert Logan, Sports NCOIC
If its a dry day, Cowboys by 7. If it's raining - Steelers by 14.

Mr. Bob La Rose, Sports Facilities Reservation Clerk
Cowboys by a bunch

Mr. Robert Gascon, Recreation Aid, Gym #2
Steelers by 4. It should be a great defensive game.

O.C. Wingard, PSF Football "Expert"
Pittsburgh by 14 - too much offense and defensive power.

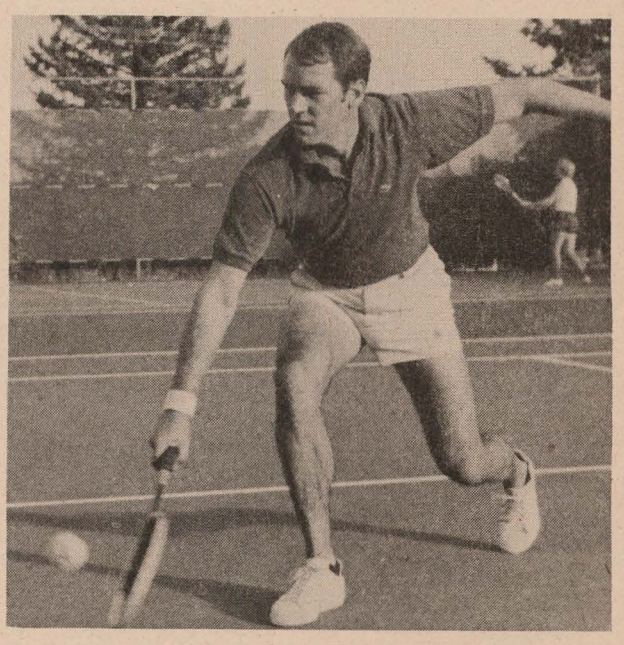
Herman Lyles, Sports Maintenance Foreman
Cowboys by 7 - too much Tony Dorsett.

New Tennis Club

ANYONE FOR TENNIS!!!!! . . . COME ON OUT. Our first monthly meeting will be held Jan. 29 at Harmon Hall (Building 649, Crissy Field) at 7:30 p.m. We are forming a new club at the Presidio and now is the time to get in on the ground floor. The Tennis Club is open to all military, (Reserve, Active or Retired) and their dependents (18 or over), and all civilians employed by the Presidio.

The purpose of the club is to help experienced tennis players find other tennis partners, and generate interest in the new players. There are three qualified tennis instructors available for lessons (group and individual) at reasonable prices. Anyone can take advantage of this opportunity while stationed/or employed at the Presidio. All individuals who are interested in tennis/athletics to come to the first meeting.

So come on out ..... bring a friend .....or come alone .....It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other people and a chance to pursue/improve your tennis and play with reckless abandon. For further information contact Maj. Hill 561-3536.



News notes

Chinese New Year

In the Chinese scheme of things the new year will gambol in like a lamb at midnight on January 27.

Between January 26, when holiday preparations are at their height, and the night of February 10, when the great Golden Dragon presides over the Year of the Ram parade, San Francisco's 24-block Chinatown will be in full festival regalia.

Now's the time to slip behind its decorative scrim.

According to the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, several sightseeing specialists are conducting backstage tours.

One of the most practiced is J. J. Walking Tours whose festival forays are now in their ninth year.

From January 30 through February 11, J.J. guides will escort visitors to a Buddhist-Taoist temple; herb, import and sewing shops; a newspaper; art studio; fortune cookie and noodle factories; "The Street of the Painted Balconies"; the Chinese Six Companies center, and Cameron House, the Presbyterian mission credited with rescuing some 2,000 Chinese "sing song" girls from slavery.

Along the way they will see Chinese brush painting demonstrations and centruies-old jade and religious artifacts, have their fortunes told with joss sticks, receive "li shee" (lucky money) and, if they wish, savor the district's celebrated cuisine.

These two-hour rambles depart daily from Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street, at 10:30 and 2:30. Night tours start at 6:15 from the Chinese Six Companies, 843 Stockton Street. Lunch and dinner arrangements are optional. The basic tour price is $6 for adults, $3.50 for preteens. For reservations, which are required, write to **J J Walking Tours, 2035 Filbert Street, San Francisco 94123, or phone (415) 567-7494.**

The Chinese Culture Center will conduct special outings from January 29 through February 10. Each will get underway at the Center with a presentation on the traditions and symbolism surrounding the new lunar year (4677), including flowers, food and household customs, and a sampling of holiday sweetmeats.

Grocery stores, an herb shop, temple and confectionary are among the standard stops on these approximately one-hour walks. Itineraries are flexible and can be tailored to group interests. The charge is $4 for adults, $2 for children.

For reservations and information, write to the **Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco 94108, or call (415) 986-1822.**

Ding How's scouts specialize in nighttime excursions, escorting nocturnal explores off Chinatown's mainstem into exotic alleys, cultural associations, the Jen-Sen Temple, a Chinese theater, etc., with special stops for tea and instruction in Chinese customs, art, music and history.

Prices start at $9.50. For particulars on this year-round service, contact **Ding How Tours, 753½ Clay Street, San Francisco 94108, (415) 981-8399.**

EM Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives Club held their installation dinner at the CPO Club on Treasure Island last Saturday.

The guests of honor for the celebration were Colonel and Mrs. John D. Hamilton. Outgoing President of the Club, Mrs. Jo Leach, delivered a thank you speech to the membership, and then presented gifts to the outgoing board of officers.

Mrs. Hamilton assisted Mrs. Leach during the installation ceremony. Each new officer recited an oath of office while lighting candles symbolizing their new duties. Immediately following the installation ceremony a dinner was held.

The wives will be holding their next meeting on February 5. New members are encouraged. For further information contact Peggy Neeley at 5939.

Arson Seminar

A day-long seminar, "Take the Profit Out of Arson," will be held for insurance professionals and arson investigators Friday, February 16, at the main post theater at the Presidio of San Francisco, it was announced by the Insurance Information Institute, a sponsor of the event. The Presidio Fire Department is host sponsor.

The seminar is being held in cooperation with the San Francisco Mayor's Arson Task Force and the National Fire Academy of the United States Fire Administration.

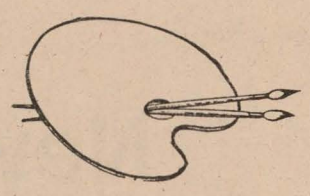
Arson investigators from fire departments in Federal Region IX who will have just completed the Academy's two-week arson detection course will join insurance company managers, underwriters and claims adjusters and insurance producers at the seminar.

Five panels of experts on various arson prevention activities will make presentations. Three panels will provide general information on federal programs, national insurance trade association activities and California's arson prevention efforts both private and governmental. Two panels will provide nuts-and-bolts information on criminal and civil legal actions and on considerations for selling and underwriting fire insurance and settling claims.

The seminar will begin with registration at 8 a.m. in the lobby of the main post theater on Moraga Avenue west of Arguello Boulevard in the Presidio. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Parking will be in a lot north of the theater.

The amount of materials to be given attendees will require limiting attendance. Those wishing to attend should pre-register by sending a check for $10 with name and address to the Insurance Information Institute, 400 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Rec Center News



CRAFTS SHOP CLASSES: Beginners Photograph Class will begin Feb. 7, Wednesday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m., for a four week duration, with one Saturday shooting session. $5.00 fee per person. Instructor: David Black. **Beginners Stained Glass Class:** will begin Feb. 7, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., for a six week duration. $15.00 per person fee. Instructor: Dean Steiner. **Furniture Upholstery Class:** will begin Feb. 1, Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., for a 12 week duration. $15.00 fee per person. Instructor: Maggi Martinez. **Painting Class:** (On-going) meets every Tuesday evening, 6 to 9 p.m. No fee. Instructor: Mr. Cleo. **Beginners Ceramics Decoration Class:** A one day workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24. Six hours duration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Techniques covered include underglazes, dustaways, glazes, bisq-stains, and pouring and firing information. $6.50 fee per person includes lunch. Instructors: Bonnie Beaubois and Dean Steiner. **Clay Sculpture and Drawing Classes** will begin Mar. 79 (dates soon to be announced). If you are interested in any of these classes stop by the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122 or call 4497 fro registration.

Presidio Players

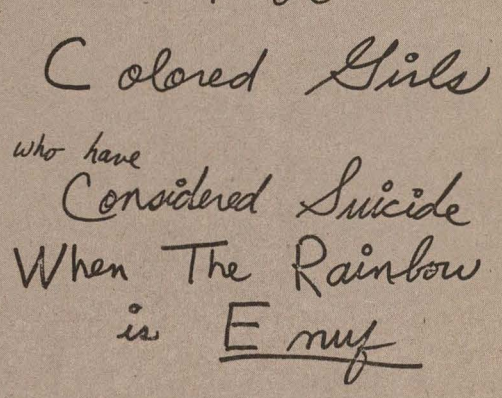
The Presidio Players' 12th season will continue at the Presidio Playhouse with the opening of "THE MIRACLE WORKER" on February 3, at 8 p.m.

William Gibson's stirring dramatization of the real-life story of the childhood of Helen Keller will run for four weekends, through February 25. There will be seven regular performances on Fridays and Saturdays and five dinner theatre shows on 4, 8, 15, 22, and 25 February, in conjunction with the Presidio Officers' Club — ½ block from the Playhouse. Thursday buffet dinners will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the performance at the Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. Sunday dinners will begin at 5:30 p.m., with performance at 7 p.m. at the Playhouse.

Attendance at all performances is open to all personnel. Ticket mail orders are now being accepted, and the box office at the Playhouse will be open from 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, beginning Monday January 29. For further information call 561-3992 from 1-5 p.m.

Following the opening of "The Miracle Worker," auditions will be held on February 10, 11, and 12 for one of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's greatest musical hits, "SOUTH PACIFIC." All parts in this large cast musical are open and anyone interested is welcome to audition. Those auditioning should have a prepared vocal selection and bring the music and a short acting scene, not to exceed 2 minutes. For an appointment time on one of the above dates, call 561-3992 from 1-5 p.m., after January 29.

Theater Tickets



FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF

This broadway play is back for a limited engagement and will be presented at Marines' Memorial Theatre on Sutter & Mason Street.

The PSF Equal Opportunity Office, during Black History Month, will get 100 discount ticket reservations for the show on Feb. 21. Reservations must be made in person with the collection of fees at the same time, HRDD, Bldg. 909.

Transportation will be provided from the Rec Ctr & Pershing Drive (city Bus Stop No. 28) across from Baker Beach if enough individuals sign-up for it. Individuals who are interested or desire additional information should call SSgt. Davis, Ext. 3701/4602. Deadline is COB Feb. 2.

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AUSA Report

Editorial

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has forwarded to President Carter the Defense Department's proposal for implementing the recommendations of the President's Commission on Military Compensation. Many of the proposals will improve the compensation system, but in at least one major area, military retirement, the plan must be viewed with considerable alarm.

The retirement plan sent to the President does not reflect the advice of the military services or the position of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Rather, it seems to be the personal product of Secretary Brown. It is interesting to note in this connection that no open release of the proposal has been made. Instead, a few Pentagon correspondents were given background briefings by a member of the Secretary's staff. Military personnel who have been waiting for months to get some official word of Defense Department reaction to the Compensation Commission's findings got the first glimpses of that reaction in brief wire service stories.

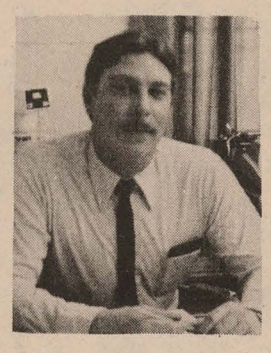
Dr. Brown makes no bones about the reason for his personal intervention. He wants to save money and he is willing to sacrifice the effectiveness of the military retirements system to do it. He seems to give little acknowledgement to the fact that the system has more than one purpose. First, it should provide an equitable retirement income for those who have served their country. Second, it must be good enough to encourage enlistments. Finally, it must help the military personnel managers fairly shape the size and age of the combat forces.

Secretary Brown has apparently joined the ranks of those who cannot see the reasons why the military system must be different from one for civilians. He ignores the fact there must be a way for the military personnel manager to equitably retire people who are still young by civilian standards but too old for the rigors of military service. He ignores as well the growing problem of civilian industry in eliminating non-productive people. Lacking this option the tendency will be to keep people on the military rolls past their usefulness. Combat efficiency will suffer and the taxpayers will not get their money's worth. And if a service member stays on duty for a full 30-year career, sacrificing his chances for a second career in the civilian sector, his full military retirement should be paid immediately, not partly delayed until age 60 as Dr. Brown proposes. Also if, as Brown proposes, earned retired pay will be reduced by the amount of Social Security to be paid at age 65, why should military people be included in Social Security at all?

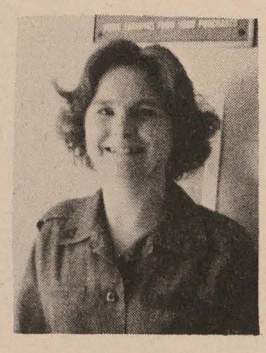
We hope the President and Congress see the Brown proposal on military retirement for what it really is — nothing more than a counterproductive effort to save money.

Ramblin' Sam

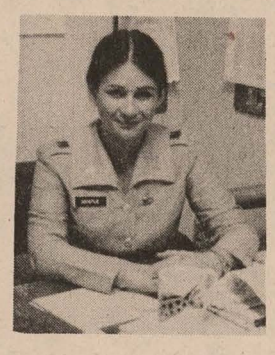
Do you think the United States should accept the Vietnamese boat people?



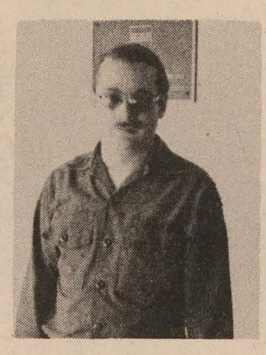
SSgt. Don Rollins, Physical Security Inspector — "My answer comes from quite a few tours in the far east, and I would say yes. These people have a proud heritage. They're hard working, industrious people. If you give them half a chance, they'll become first class citizens."



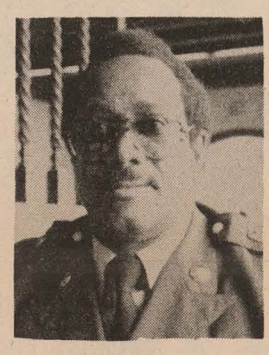
PFC Margie Inscor, SIDPERS — "Yes, I think we should show them the same considerations we've shown other countries in distress. Because freedom and justice is what our country stands for."



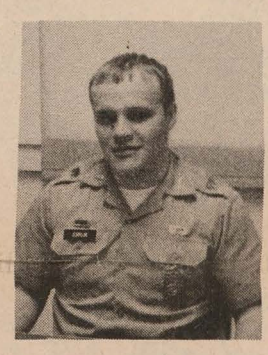
1st Lt. Catherine Bentle, Crime Prevension Office — "My answer is no. Maybe the other countries should get together and take a percentage of the people. All countries have unemployment problems. We would increase our unemployment and our taxes if we accepted all of them."



SSgt. James G. Arthur, Post Adjutant's Office — "Yes, I think we should in that we have a humanitarian obligation to fulfill. All previous refugees have shown their desire to become good citizens, and not public charges."



MSgt. William Cheatum, Post Food Service Supervisor — "No! I feel that over a period of approximately 20 years, we've done enough for Vietnam. And I feel that some of the other countries should do their share, in particular France and Germany."



2nd Lt. Delane Esplin, Investigations Office — "I believe we could accept a limited number of them, so long as the number is not so high as to be detrimental to our economy and way of life."

Check crackdown to begin

Washington (ARNEWS) — Effective April 1 any customer who gives the commissary a "rubber" check will be charged a $5.00 fee, Army commissary officials announced today.

The cost to the commissary of processing and collecting bad checks continues to increase, officials explained. In a recent 12-month period Army commissaries received more than 33,000 dishonored checks that totaled approximately $1,700,000, officials said.

When a bank returns a check to the commissary because of insufficient funds, the work involved in notifying the person who issued the check and obtaining reimbursement creates costly administrative work for the commissary.

The money lost as a result of bad checks runs into thousands of dollars, and the $5.00 fee is an effort to compensate for the cost, officials stated.

Sometimes a person issues a check knowing there is not enough money in the checking account to cover it but plans to make a deposit before the check reaches the bank. The check writer often loses this gamble. There is a good chance that the check will reach the bank before the deposit is made. With the use of electronic check processing equipment, banks process checks quickly.

Commissary customers should also be aware that anyone who issues a bad check is subject to actions under the civil or military judicial system, officials said.

Careless owners beware

A different type of regulation has been created here at the Presidio and its subposts. Presidio regulation 190-1 deals with dog owners who knowingly allow their pets to relieve themselves on property other than their own, without cleaning the mess up and disposing of it.

The Reg states that no person will allow their animal to commit a public nuisance by defacation or other bodily elimination on the Presidio. Normally, the owners will be expected to remove the mess promptly and put it into a refuse container.

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New abortion policies announced by DA

Washington (ARNEWS) — DA has announced a new policy regarding abortions in Army medical facilities. The policy will permit prepaid abortions for women located overseas, and abortions at government expense for women who meet the criteria established by the 1979 Defense Appropriations Act.

Abortions normally will be performed in Army medical facilities only in the following circumstances:

(A) Where the life of the mother would be endangered;

(B) When the mother is the victim of rape or incest which has been reported promptly to a law enforcement agency or public health service;

(C) Where, in the opinion of two physicians, severe and long-lasting physical health damage to the mother would result if the pregnancy were carried to term;

(D) When medical procedures make it necessary to terminate an ectopic, or abnormal, pregnancy.

The policy allows for prepaid abortions to overcome the disadvantage of military personnel and their dependents stationed overseas where abortions are unavailable or inaccessible, except for those in Hawaii, Alaska, and the United Kingdom, military personnel and dependents who do not qualify for abortions at the government expense may obtain abortions on a prepaid fee basis at the nearest military medical facility.

Patients will be charged $187 for an abortion performed on an outpatient basis and $408 if the abortion requires inpatient care. These charges will cover the full cost of performing the operation in a military facility.

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A heralded history

Happy Birthday Sixth U.S. Army

by Maury Peerenboom

The six pointed star with an "A" in the center unfurled for the first time on January 25, 1943 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It was a time when World War II was just beginning to turn the corner in our favor. The Sixth United States Army was now a reality. Its motto was: "Born of War." Its mission: to fight and help win the final victory in the Pacific.

On that day 36 years ago this year, Anglo-American troops were increasing their pressure on Field Marshal Rommel's Afrika Corps, gradually compressing his forces into Tunisia by General Eisenhower's forces attacking from the West and British Field Marshal Montgomery's Eighth Army coming from the East.

At the same time, **another** Sixth Army was in its death throes. A German army of the same name was experiencing annihilation on the frozen steppes astride the Volga River at a place called Stalingrad.

In the Pacific, Admiral Raymond Spruance's carrier task force had just turned the tide at Midway the previous June and the combined forces of United States Army and Marine Corps troops were mopping up at their first major offensive point of attack on a dense jungle island in the Solomons called Guadalcanal.

Against this background, the Sixth United States Army was born.

As part of the massive force assembled by General Douglas MacArthur, the Sixth United States Army helped fulfill his vow "to return" as it fought its way over 3,600 miles of dense jungles and across the Northern New Guinea coast, the broad expanses of the Bismarck and Moluccan Seas and over the beaches on the shore of Leyte. Laying down heavy firepower from their artillery, Browning Automatic and Garand M-1 Rifles and .30 caliber water and air cooled machine guns — now mostly museum pieces — the men of the Sixth US Army made a vital contribution to the final victory that was sealed on the deck of the USS Missouri in September of 1945.

Next came occupation duty in Japan and later, in January 1946, inactivation. Later that same year (March 1st), the Sixth Army was reactivated at the Presidio of San Francisco and assumed the role of training Army troops in the West Coast area.

It did not have long to wait for another challenge, for on a rainy morning in June 1950, North Korean troops attacked across the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea and soon afterward, American troops were fighting against overwhelming odds to delay the enemy until a counter-attack could be made at In'chon in September of that same year. Troops of the 2d Division bore the brunt of some heavy fighting in Korea, later to be joined by the California National Guard's 40th Division. Both units fought well and covered themselves with glory in this, the first limited war involving the United States.

With the escalation of the conflict in Vietnam in the 1960s, troops from the Sixth Army area once again met the challenge. This time they came from the "Famous Fourth Ivy Leaf" Division from Fort Lewis that shipped over to Southeast Asia in the Fall of 1966 at Ban Me Thuout as well as at Dak To earlier.

Though he did not know it at the time, the commander of the 4th Division's Third Brigade was to one day have a rendezvous with destiny as the present Sixth US Army Commander. Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester (then a Colonel) assumed Command of the Sixth Army on August 22, 1978.

Today, Sixth US Army has the urgent mission of supervising and assisting in the readiness training of both United States Army Reserve and Army National Guard units throughout a fifteen state area stretching from the plains of Nebraska, Kansas and the two Dakotas to the Pacific Ocean. It continues to stand as both "Guardian of the Golden West" and an element serving the communities in which its many units are stationed. Its motto, "Born of War" still stands as a reminder of its urgent mission: to prepare for war in time of peace.

Apply now for Scholarships

Washington (ARNEWS) — Active duty enlisted soldiers interested in the two-year Army ROTC scholarship program have until May 1 to submit their applications for the 1979-80 school year. Winners will be announced in June.

These scholarships provide soldiers with the opportunity to obtain both a college degree and a commission through the ROTC program.

The scholarships provide full tuition, books and educational fees, plus a living allowance of up to $1,000 per year. Winners will also be paid while attending the advanced camp, normally held during the summer between the junior and senior years of college.

To compete for the scholarships, soldiers must meet the following criteria:

(A) Have served at least one year on active duty;
(B) Be under 25 years of age on June 30 of the year they're eligible for commissioning;
(C) Have received credit for at least two, but not more than two and one-half years of college;
(D) Have been accepted by a college for next fall's enrollment;
(E) Have earned a GT score of 115 or higher;
(F) Be a United States citizen.

Winners may attend any four-year college or university hosting Army ROTC or a non-host college with a cross-enrollment agreement with a nearby host school.

Scholarship winners will receive an early discharge so they can arrive on campus in time to enroll for the 1979-80 fall term. They must also enlist in the U.S. Army Reserve before enrolling in the Army ROTC advanced course. They are not required to attend reserve meetings while enrolled.

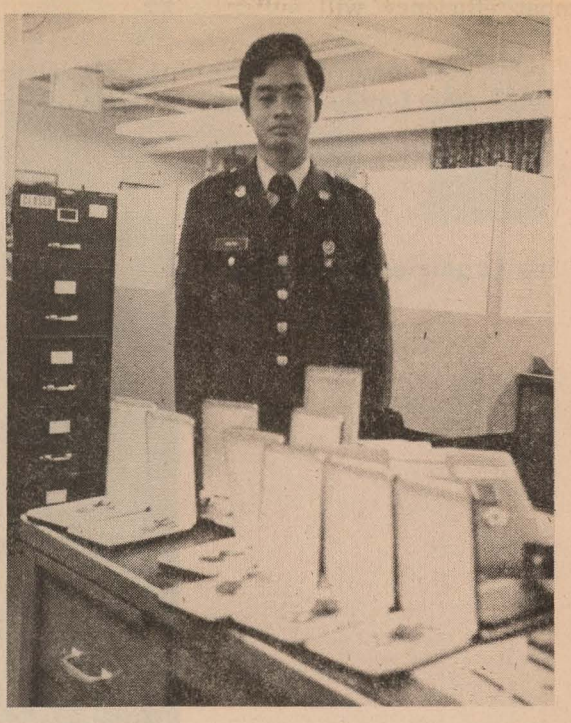
After successfully completing their military science and baccalaureate degree requirements, these soldiers will be commissioned second lieutenants in either the regular Army or the Army Reserve and will serve four years active duty.

Details on the two-year ROTC scholarship program for active duty enlisted are contained in AR 145-1.

Applications must be requested by April 15, 1979; however, applicants have until May 1 to submit them. Individuals desiring applications and information may write: Army ROTC scholarships, Ft. Monroe, VA 23551.

Mission Essential

Sp4 Maximino Castro



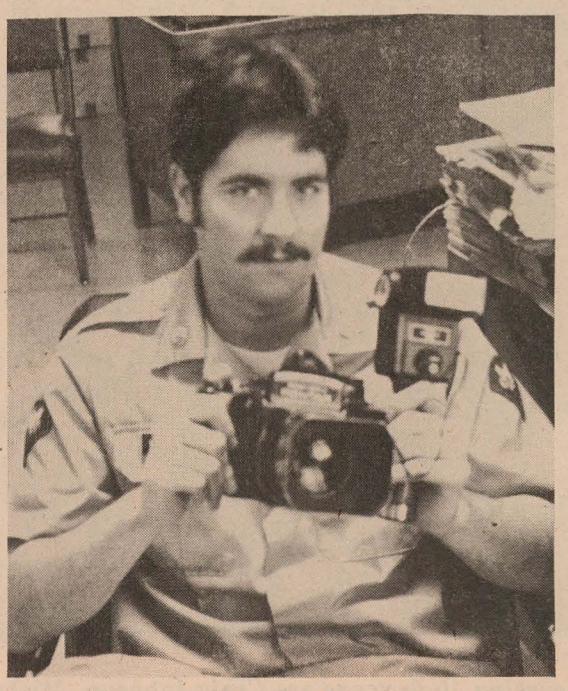
Specialist Four Maximino Castro, Admin Clerk, Post Adjutant's office, is originally from Tayug, Pangasinan, Phillipines. He recently came to this country with his mother and settled in San Diego, California.

The young soldier joined the Army with high hopes for a successful future. At present, Castro has a BA in Business Administration and also has completed 16 units towards his Master's in the same field. He hopes to finish his advanced degree at Golden Gate University.

Castro said, "I joined the Army for a source of income and for an opportunity to gain advancement and confidence." He wants to apply for U.S. citizenship and is seriously considering going on to OCS later in his Army career. When asked why he wants to go to OCS, he said, "I want to become involved in the decision making process, using the skills I have learned from my education. I believe the Army provides me with a challenge."

His hobbies are indoor and outdoor sports and reading. Castro's job is an involved one. He works on the reference library for his division, as well as posting regulations, military ledgers, personnel actions, and award citations.

Sp4 Mike Willoughby



Specialist Four Mike Willoughby is a new addition to the staff at the Post Photo Facility.

Mike is 22 years old and hails from Warrington, Virginia. He entered the military in 1975 and worked in the MI field after taking AIT at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. His first assignment was in Augsburg, Germany, After spending some time there, he was transferred to Bad Kreuznach, where he OJTed for his present skill — photographer.

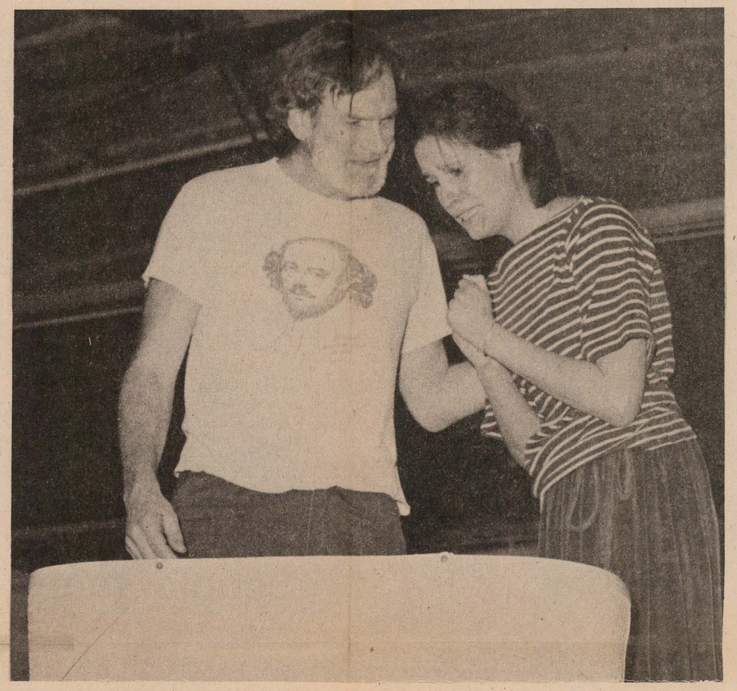
Mike was very satisfied with his new found skill and reenlisted for the Presidio. He wanted to continue his work in the photo field. Said Mike, "I enjoy the Army because it gives me the opportunity to see different people and their cultures. Germany was okay, but you have to remember that any single soldier sees the Army and the country in a different light. Germany is easier for the married soldier."

When asked why he chose the Presidio for his present assignment, Mike responded, "I heard a lot about this place. A lot of people said it was a good assignment and since I've never been on the west coast, I took it. So far it's been heaven here. This place is a lot better than supporting an infantry division!"

Presidio Playhouse

"The Miracle Worker" in production

A scene in the Keller Home with Robert Struckman (lft.), Nonie Bartfield (seated), Mary Loquvam (standing), Jobe Lawson (seated) and Michelle Bouvier (bottom).



A shocked and dismayed Mrs. Keller. Robert Struckman and Mary Loquvam

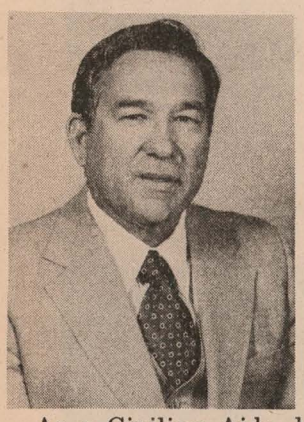
Michelle Bouvier (Lft.) as Helen Keller and Brenda Bolam (Rt.) as Annie Sullivan rehearsing a fight scene.

The three children rehearsing their scene are Craig Johnson, Michelle Bouvier, and Tamiko Johnson.

Lighting technician Steve Mancini runs a dimmer check at his control board.

Photos by Ken Juber
Cover Photo by Walt Bell

New Civilian Aide visits Sixth Army



Tereso "Ted" Valdez, president of Valdez Transfer, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona and newly-appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Arizona, visited Sixth Army Headquarters and the Presidio on January 15 for his initial introduction to Sixth Army and an orientation in his duties as a Civilian Aide (CASA).

As a Civilian Aide, he will interpret and relate Army policies to the citizens of Arizona, and provide feedback to both the Sixth Army commander and Secretary of the Army Alexander as to community opinions on matters of interest to the Army.

His qualifications for this appointment include his having established one of the largest transfer companies in Arizona, having been the Tempe (Arizona) Junior Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year for his outstanding community service, and a co-recipient of the Arizona Small Businessmen's Association "Outstanding Arizona Mexican-American Business Community Award." He holds memberships in a number of prominent committees in Arizona, and served as a Sergeant in the Army during the 1950's.

Parenthood Class offered

Attention, first time parents and grandparents!

If someone in your family is expecting a baby, why not take a Red Cross Preparation for Parenthood class to prepare for baby's arrival? The class includes topics such as: labor and delivery, the newborn, and how to give infant care through the first year. It covers skills and general information on such subjects as infant bathing, diapering, feeding, nutrition, growth and development, safety, immunization, and baby supplies.

There is a $3.00 fee, **per family unit,** and any and all family members are encouraged to participate.

The next class will start on February 5, and will continue through March 19, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., except for February 19, Washington's Birthday holiday. It will be held at the Golden Gate Chapter of the Red Cross, at 1550 Sutter Street (between Gough and Octavia), in San Francisco. Call 776-1500, extension 260, to register.

Bus service offered

Blood Drive is Tuesday

The Presidio quarterly Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, in the Recreation Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Blood Drive — the very words seem to turn off a lot of people. Consider a moment...Blood is life. There is absolutely nothing that can be used as a substitute for blood. When a person needs blood, he needs it right now, not next week or next month. The only way to provide blood to a needy person is for that blood to have been donated. That's right, D O N A T E D ! ! !

So, we hear the old excuses. Why should I give blood? I have never needed any. Or this one — Someone else can do it, I know there is no shortage. W R O N G ! ! !

Each of us has know a near relative or close friend who has had blood transfusions. It is easy to say it always happens to the other guy. But, one of these days that "other guy" will be you or someone very near and dear to you. What will you do then?

There is nothing you can do THEN. You must do it **NOW.** Sign up to donate blood in this Presidio Blood Drive. It is the Gift of Life. No person can do more.

If transportation is a problem, a convenient bus service will be offered. Times of departure from various areas around post are listed on the schedule below.

Passengers should allow 5 minutes before or after times indicated. Return trips will be made in the same order as donors were picked up.

Bus schedule

LEAVE	Quarters 512 Simonds Loop	0900	1100	1230
LEAVE	Quarters 534 Simonds Loop	0901	1101	1231
LEAVE	Presidio and Liggett Avenue	0902	1102	1232
LEAVE	Clark and Liggett Avenue	0903	1103	1233
LEAVE	Quarters 750 Portola Street	0904	1104	1234
LEAVE	Quarters 765 Portola Street	0905	1105	1235
LEAVE	Quarters 857 MacArthur Avenue	0906	1106	1236
LEAVE	Quarters 851 MacArthur Avenue	0907	1107	1237
LEAVE	Presidio and MacArthur Avenue	0908	1108	1238
LEAVE	Presidio and Funston Avenue	0909	1109	1239
LEAVE	Quarters 333 Infantry Terrace	0911	1111	1241
LEAVE	Quarters 414 Washington Blvd	0914	1114	1244
LEAVE	Quarters 1407 Washington Blvd	0915	1115	1245
LEAVE	Lincoln Blvd and Brooks Street	0919	1119	1249
LEAVE	Bus Shelter, 1496 Pershing Drive	0920	1120	1250
LEAVE	Bus Shelter, 1497 Pershing Drive	0921	1121	1251
LEAVE	Bus Shelter, 1498 Pershing Drive	0922	1122	1252
LEAVE	Quarters 1576 Pershing Drive	0923	1123	1253
LEAVE	Quarters 960 Lincoln Blvd	0926	1126	1256
LEAVE	Lincoln Blvd and Armstead	0927	1127	1257
LEAVE	Storey and Ruckman Avenue	0928	1128	1258
LEAVE	Kobbe and Upton Avenue	0929	1129	1259
LEAVE	Quarters 1310 Kobbe Avenue	0930	1130	1300
ARRIVE	Recreation Center, Bldg 135	0935	1135	1305

Can you name the batteries of the Golden Gate?

Batteries housing heavy artillery guns formed a major defense front on San Francisco Bay at the turn of the century.

Nestled in the Marin and San Francisco headlands overlooking the Golden Gate Strait, the gun emplacements were virtually undetectable from the waters they were constructed to guard. But San Francisco never fell victim to a sea attack.

After World War I the Army sought ways to incorporate its multimillion dollar stronghold into its air defense strategy. But ground fortifications, even the newer batteries equipped with disappearing guns, were futile in an age of air warfare. The concrete pads were open targets for overhead attacks.

The last of the bunkers was dismantled by the Army in 1948. Like the cannons at Fort Point, the batteries' guns were never fired for anything more than practice.

Today most of the batteries are accessible to the public. Some twenty are concealed in the Presidio and Fort Baker. Another score are located throughout the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at Forts Barry, Cronkhite, Funston, and Miley.

Motorists seeking out the batteries are advised to drive slowly. The camouflaged bunkers are still easy to miss, even from an adjacent road.

The names of 31 Golden Gate batteries are concealed in the puzzle. They read in all directions — backward, forward, up, down, and diagonally. Find the names (refer to the accompanying list), and circle them.

They're as difficult to find on paper as they are in the hills.

Upcoming articles will spotlight other points of interest throughout the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a unit of the National Park Service. The Presidio is included within the designated boundary of GGNRA.

ALEXANDER
BAKER
BALDWIN
BLANEY
BOUTELLE
CHAMBERLIN
CHESTER
CRANSTON
CROSBY
DAVIS
DUNCAN
DYNAMITE
EAST
GODFREY
CUTHRIE
KIRBY
LANCASTER
MARCUS MILLER
MCKINNON
MENDELL
O'RORKE
RATHBONE
SAFFOLD
SHERWOOD
SLAUGHTER
SPENSER
SPRINGER-LIVINGSTON
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SPORTS

Post level Basketball

Presidio Men Cagers Split with Vandenberg Air Force Base

Out-played by a classy Vandenberg Air Force Base Post Team, the flyers demolished a young Presidio team 54 to 105 in the first game of a two game series at the Post Gymnasium on Saturday. Aaron May, USAG, led Presidio scorers with 15 points. In the second game, played on Sunday morning, Presidio cagers evened the series with a 77 to 61 victory. Jacob Wilson, 864th Engrs, took charge and scored 31 points to lead all scorers. Dwayne Gibson, LAMC, contributed 14 points to the victory.

Vandenberg Women Defeat PSF Women Cagers

Leading 37 to 33 at the end of three quarters of play, the distaff side of the Post Basketball Team was blown off the court in the 4th period by Vandenberg's women cagers, 27 to 6, and went down to defeat 62 to 43 of what was a very close game, for 24 minutes. Iris Turner, who will depart soon for the All-Army Women's Basketball Training Camp, led the Presidio women with 12 points. In game two, played on Sunday, Vandenberg once again defeated the Presidio women's team 44 to 34.

All-Army Basketball News

The All-Army Basketball Team will play a practice game against a top amateur team from Santa Rosa starting at 1900 hours on Monday, January 29 at the Post Gymnasium. Some of the finest ball players in the Army are currently undergoing training twice a day at Gym #1. Everyone is invited to watch the team practice and observe former All-Americans and professional players in action during their daily practices. Heavy workouts for the team are scheduled each day at 1:30 p.m.

Sp4 Alford Forney, HQ Co, USAG, 3 year veteran of the All-Army Team and California JC Player of the Year in 1978, is back again representing the Presidio in the All-Army Training Camp. Since Joining the team Sp4 Forney has collected three gold medals for the World Military Championship, played in Africa, Iran and Syria; three gold medals for the NATO Championship, played in Brussels, Belgium; a gold medal for the National AAU Championship and numerous individual awards while representing the United States Armed Forces overseas. Recently, Sp4 Forney became the proud father to a big bouncing baby boy. Sp4 Forney is married to Rene Forney and resides at Hamilton Air Force Base.

Action coming up

The Post Men's and Women's Basketball teams will play the UC Berkeley Medical Center teams Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Post Gym. Women's game begins at 1:00 p.m., and the men's game will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Intramural Basketball

864th Engrs (8-2) 88 — LAMC #1 (9-2) 79

The race horses of the 864th Engrs. led by Jacob Wilson and Charles Hamilton, handed LAMC #1 their second defeat of the season, 88 to 79. The win put the race horses half a game out of first place in the touch Presidio League. 864th Engrs. had complete control of the game with "Big Wilson" controlling the boards and "Mighty Hamilton" handling the hawking the ball. This outstanding duo scored 50 points, hitting 30 and 20 points respectively. John Lankford paced LAMC #1 with 23 points.

FBI (7-4) 76 — LAMC #2 (4-7) 61
LEADING SCORERS:
FBI Mike Keenan 27 Ed Gurinsky 19
LAMC Dave Rameriz 17

USACC (5-5) 55 — 16th AG Det (5-5) 51

USACC kept their play-off hopes alive by defeating 16th AG Det 55 to 51 and gained a tie for third place in the Fort Scott League. Calvin Black, hitting jump shots from 30 feet out, paced USACC with 19 points. Stan Perry, 16th AG led all scorers with 20 points.

LAMC #3 (7-1) 85 — USACC (4-5) 46
LEADING SCORERS:
LAMC #3, Richard Odom, 20
USACC, Calvin Black 20

DENTAC (3-5) 48 — LAIR #2 (1-2) 43
LEADING SCORERS:
DENTAC, Tony macklin, 23
LAIR #2, David Fuss, 14

LAMC #2 (4-7) 68 — 170th MP Co (3-8) 48

Leading by one point at halftime, 22 to 21, LAMC #2 came out firing in the second half and blew the Military Policemen off the floor for a 68 to 49 victory. Ronald Moore 16, Dave Rameriz 15 and Mike Johnson 11 points led LAMC's scoring. Boyer scored 10 points for the MP's.

USAG (5-6) 76 — LAIR (6-6) 70

It was the balanced scoring machine of Garrison that spelled defeat for LAIR, as they battled to a 66 to 66 tie at the end of regulation play. In the overtime it was all Garrison as Fred Lewis took charge and scored 7 of his 17 points on two field goals and three free throws, to lead Garrison's balanced attack. All five Garrison starters scored in double figues. Pat Krogman and Clinton Beckett led LAIR's scoring with 17 and 10 points respectively.

16th AG Det (5-4) 55 — INSCOM (1-7) 43
LEADING SCORERS:
16th AG, Clifford Troutman, 12
INSCOM, Hatten 18

Entries needed for golf tourney

ATWATER, Ca. — Team and individual entries from eleven military installations have already been received for the sixth annual California State Military Golf Championship tournament.

Col. David L. Anderson, Castle AFB Base Commander and tournament coordinator, said that U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Air Force golfers are included in the 69 entries already.

This top California military golf tournament will be held Feb. 23, 24 and 25 over the 6,550 yard, lake studded Rancho Del Rey Golf Club course in the San Joaquin Valley town of Atwater.

The five-man team from the Marine Corps Base at 29 Palms is expected to defend its team title, won last year by one stroke over a team from Castle Air Force Base.

Pete Culver, coach of the Castle golf team, reported that at least 20 golfers, headed by last year's defending champion, Larry Hill, have indicated they will enter this tournament. Culver is also the head pro at Rancho Del Rey.

The tournament is open to any individual on active duty in California with either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard. All golfers entering

must have an NCGA or SCGA official, current handicap of 21 or under.

Col. Anderson stated that golfers play scratch within their flights in this tournament. Five flights are planned, with prizes amounting to $2,000 in addition to the prestigious titles and trophies.

Installations and number of golfers entered already include: U.S. Navy Fleet Numerical Weather Center, Monterey with 3; Travis AFB, Fairfield, 13; Vandenburg AFB, Santa Maria, 5; Castle AFB, Atwater, 20; U.S. Marine Base, 29 Palms, 5; U.S. Marine Base, Camp Pendleton, 2; U.S. Navy, Treasure Island, 5; U.S. Navy, North Island, 5; U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco, 5, George AFB, 5; and Beale AFB, 1.

Entries close Feb. 15, 1979, said Col. Anderson, and may be obtained from the special service offices at military installations, or by writing Pete Culver, Rancho Del Rey Golf Club, 5250 Green Sands Ave., Atwater, Ca. 95301.

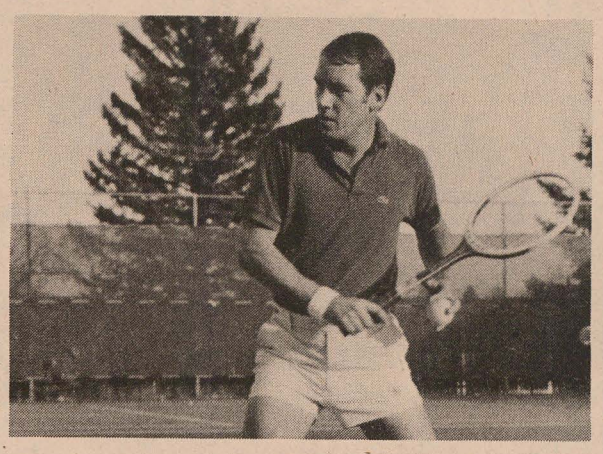
New Tennis Club will meet on Monday

REMINDER — The Presidio Tennis Clubs' first annual general membership meeting will be conducted, Monday, January 29, at Harrison Hall, Bldg 649 (located at the western end of Crissey Field).

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a medium for tennis players to meet one another, generate interest in the sport, and to assist in the development of each players' game. Additionally, club officers will be selected, and proposed club activities will be outlined.

Three of the Bay Areas recognized tennis instructors will be on hand to answer questions and discuss programs available. The success of this club depends on individual response.

For further information call contact B. Hill, ext. 7330 or 3536.



Dog owners *continued from page 2*

Failure to comply with PSF Reg 190-1 will result in the owner being given notices for a $5 violation and an appearance before the US Magistrate. Further violations will cost $10, as well as another visit to the judge.

According to Master Sergeant Earl Castle, PMO Operations Sgt., the Presidio is suffering from what he calls "hostile neighbors" — people who will let their dogs go on their neighbors' lawn without controlling their pets actions or cleaning up the mess."

"We have so many joggers on Post that run through the woods, and so far none have complained about the messes they may encounter on their runs," said Castle. "I like to take my family on walks through the woods here, and when you come upon a pile, i's just disgusting and aggravating," he ended.

News notes

Tax relief in sight

Need help sorting through your 1978 receipts for your income tax return? Looking for another deduction? The February Letterman Women's Club luncheon might be the answer to many of your questions!!

The guest speaker for the February 8 luncheon will be Mr. Joe Chabria, who has an MBA, is a CPA and has completed many I.R.S. returns for military physicians. He is familiar with exemptions that would apply specifically to military families.

Mr. Chabria will speak and then accept questions from the audience. BRING YOUR HUSBANDS!! The luncheon will be a buffet meal in order to make it easier for the husbands to join us whenever their schedule permits.

The sherry hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. The buffet will begin at 11:30. Hostesses for the luncheon will be wives from the department of Radiology and the Intern's wives.

Reservations are requested by noon, Tuesday, February 6. In San Francisco call Judy Cannon (561-4621) and in Marin call Mrs. Gail Beatrice (472-2996).

Theater tickets are available

FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF

This broadway play is back for a limited engagement and will be presented at Marines' Memorial Theatre on Sutter & Mason Street.

The PSF Equal Opportunity Office, during Black History Month, will get 100 discount ticket reservations for the show on Feb. 21. Reservations must be made in person with the collection of fees at the same time, HRDD, Bldg. 909.

Transportation will be provided from the Rec Ctr & Pershing Drive (city Bus Stop No. 28) across from Baker Beach if enough individuals sign-up for it. Individuals who are interested or desire additional information should call SSgt. Davis, Ext. 3701/4602. Deadline is COB Feb. 2.

Student Exchange Program

Mr. Peter Wahren, the United States Director of the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) program is seeking responsible American families to host high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. He also is seeking American students to visit Scandinavia. The ASSE Program which was created by the Swedish Parliament and is under the auspices of the Swedish Board of Education, has been officially designated as an Exchange Visitor Program by the U.S. Department of State. Since its inception in 1938, the Program has resulted in over 150,000 student exchanges in Europe and the United States.

Three opportunities are being offered at this time:

1. To host a high school student for the school year 1979-80.
2. For American high school students, ages 16 and 17, to attend a Scandinavian high school during the school year 1979-80.
3. For American students, ages 16 and 17, to spend five weeks during the summer of 1979 in Scandinavia.

Students are carefully screened, pay their own travel expenses, have their own pocket money and are covered by medical and liability insurance. All Scandinavian students are language qualified having studied English for at least seven years before coming to America. Approximately 500 Scandinavian high school students are expected to arrive in late August 1979 and to depart in June 1980. They will live with host families throughout the United States.

The Program, which contributes to a greater understanding among peoples and countries, is particularly beneficial when other children are living in the host family home. However, Mr. Wahren points out that students and hosts have developed life-time friendships even when there are no children at home.

Placements will be made in the January-March period. To learn more about this program, you can call Peter Wahren at (714) 459-9516 or he will call you if you send your name, address and **Phone Number** to: American Scandinavian Student Exchange Program, 7728 Lookout Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

New dining policy announced

Washington (ARNEWS) — Dependents and guests of soldiers will soon be able to dine in Army dining facilities, stateside and overseas, according to DA officials.

The new policy will allow dependents of Army members to use the dining facilities without regard to grade. Previously, a nine-month test program in Europe allowed dependents of enlisted members and junior officers to purchase meals in the dining facilities.

According to Army officials, the USAREUR program was so successful that it was decided to extend the privilege to all members worldwide. In Europe the program has been established permanently and grade restrictions have been lifted.

For dining halls in the U.S. and other overseas areas, dependents and soldiers' guests will be eligible when the policy change to AR 30-1, the REG governing dining facilities, is published.

No additional resources will be used to support the program, according to officials.

Essay contest

These are instructions for writing your essays for Black History Week 1979, at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA.

First, the essay should be no less than two and no greater than three 8½" x 11" double spaced typewritten pages. It is suggested that each page be divided into two or more paragraphs. The topics for 1979 are:

(1) **What Black History Week means to me.**
(2) **Black History Week: a time for reflection.**
(3) **Black History Week: past, present and future.**

If you are a person who wishes to write about your feelings primarily, then topic number (1) would probably be most suitable for you. Topic number (3) should lend itself to essay writers who would like to do some research. And subject number (2) is meant to be intermediate between the other two.

We have chronological factsheets of major and significant events in Black History for the period from 1492 to 1968. A copy of the factsheet will be given to prospective essayists to help them to get started on their writing tasks.

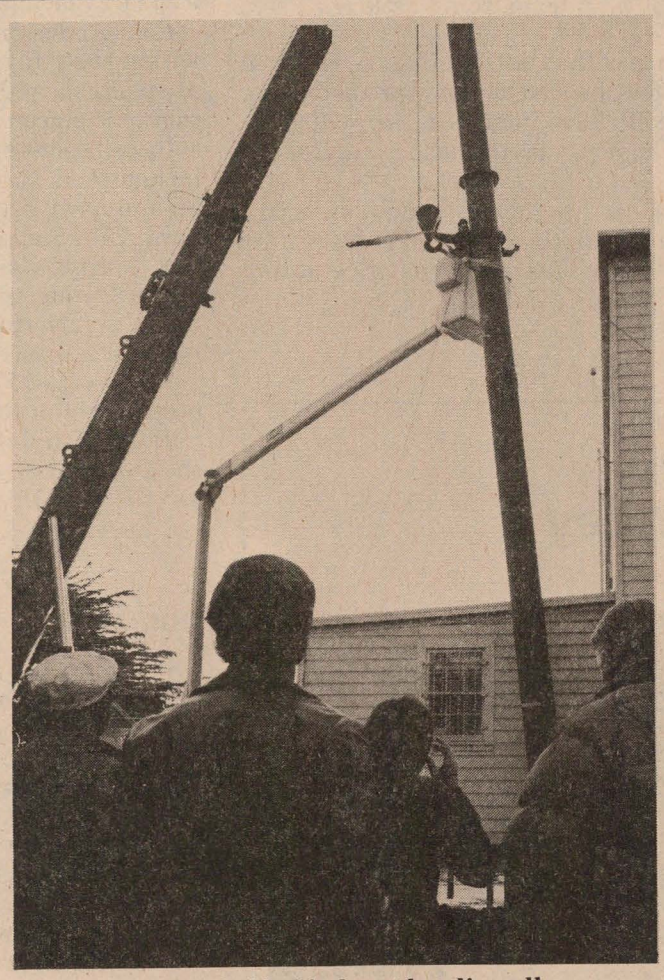
Black History Week begins the second Sunday in February. Black History week was established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Black Historian who was educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Paris (Sarbonne). He became convinced that the contributions of his people — Black people — to American history was being largely ignored. He saw that special research into the neglected past of the Black people was needed and founded the Association for the Study of Negro life and History on 9 September 1915. The dates of Black History Week were chosen by Dr. Woodson because the birthdates of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass fall respectively on February 12th and 14th.

Activities during Black History Week — public lectures in schools, churches, clubs; displays character portrayals, and many other forms of exposition are employed. Black History Week was started to tell Black people about their past and to develop an appreciation of their past. A second important objective was to foster thw growth of understanding between ethnic groups in America. Therefore, it is hoped that other ethnic groups will participate by attendance at the events and take part in the activities.

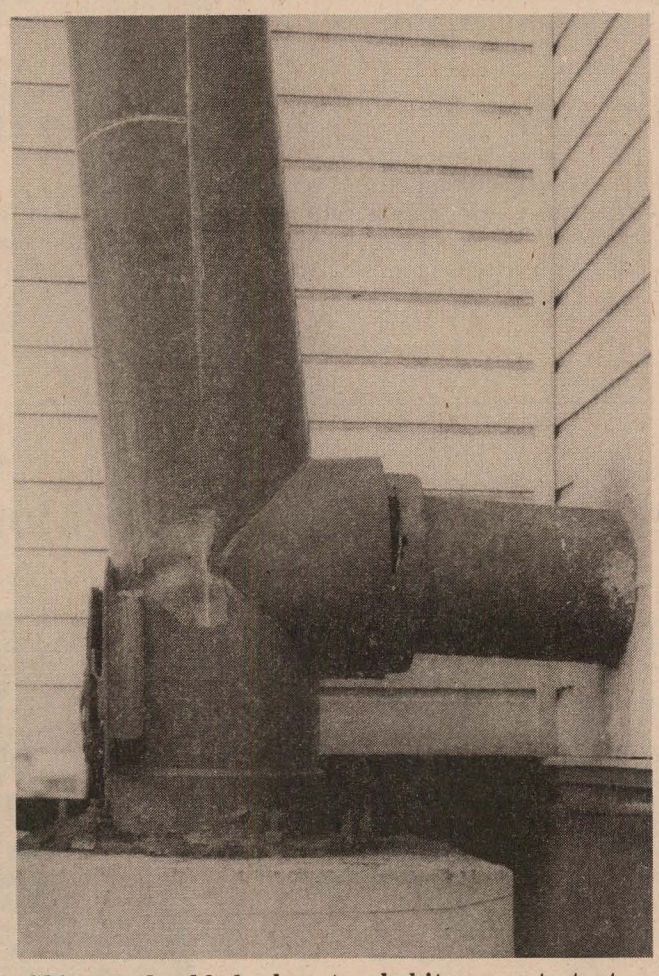
The essays will be judged and prizes will be awarded. You should turn in your completed essay to Equal Opportunity Office prior to close of business (COB) February 8, 1979.

We wish you the best of luck in your efforts.

It's all in a day's work



Smokestack located behind post **bowling alley was "unteetered" through the combined efforts of facilities engineers and members of D company, 864th Eng. Bn. (photo by Ken Juber)**



Chimney buckled **when truck hit support strut. (photo by Ken Juber)**

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Jumping is my job

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LAMC graduates new 91C's

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ACS offers help in money matters

If you are having trouble finding bus fare or gas money by the 12th of the month, if you are tired of noodles and hot dogs, or if you are asking your baby-sitter to wait until pay day for payment, your problem might lie in the budgeting of your money.

To solve these and other problems, call Army Community Service. In half an hour, your "financial wizard" at ACS can show you why your money plan isn't working and how to improve your money handling techniques. Useful tips on shopping, menu planning, as well as when to declare bankruptcy or get out of debt by lowering monthly payments, are included in this service. All matters are handled confidentially by someone who understands your problems and who wants to help.

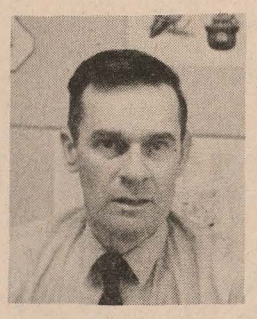
Also available is a free five-minute Food Stamp pre-screening, which will tell you if you will qualify for the program and save you a trip if you are not. This screening can be done by telephone. Please have your Leave and Earning Statement (LES) handy when you call. You no longer have to pay for part of your food stamps, so it is well worth your while to find out if you qualify.

Training sessions for groups and units are given upon request. Checkbook care and feeding, easy ways to get "ripped off," and suggestions on how to get wheat you pay for and where to go when you don't, are just a few of the topics covered.

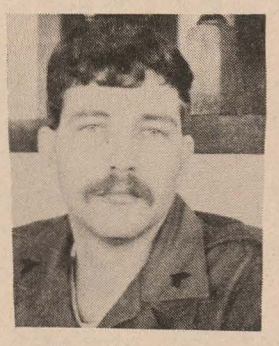
All these services and more are provided for you at your Presidio Army Community Service, building 214 - right next door to the Post Cafeteria. Check it out by calling 5057 or 5155.

Ramblin' Sam

Did you give blood?

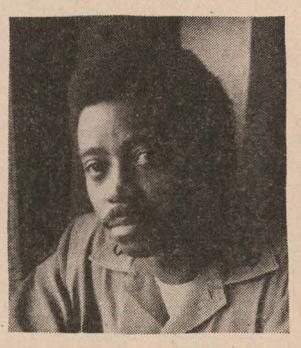


MSgt. R.E. Leach, NCOIC Post Public Affairs — "Yes!" "I Think it is necessary to give blood. Someday I may need it myself and if that ever happens I would like to have some blood on hand. I believe that giving blood is like an insurance policy; it'll be there when I need it."

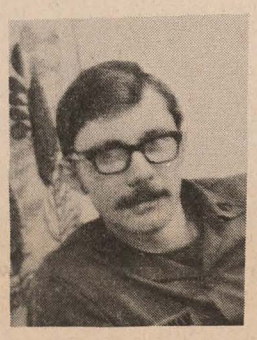


Sgt. Danny Wilson, Heavy Equipment Operator, 51st Eng. Det. — "No!" "I didn't have time due to out processing and clearing quarters. I am going to Germany on the second of February. However, I did give the last time."

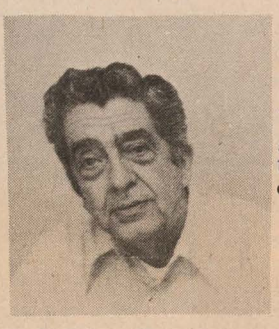
2nd Lt: William Foster, 1st Plt Leader, 170th MP Co. — "Yes!! "Because I feel that it's the right thing to do. Just knowing that I'm helping someone in need is very satisfying."



SSgt. John Davis, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Post Equal Opportunity Office — "No!" "Because of a conflict of interest in that my parents, who are in Florida, would not be able to draw from the Irwin Blood Bank if they needed it, although I am on call if my blood type is needed."



SSgt. Fredrick Kaseman, PS NCO, Hq Co USAG — "No!" "I just returned from Turkey and have to wait 6 months before I can give blood. The 6 momths will be up in March so I will be able to give after that time."



Mr. Ethan DeGeorge, Sidpers Clerk, Hq Co USAG, 6th Army — "Yes!" "Force of habit. I've been giving blood since 1964 because there is no better cause than the cause of saving lives."

Refund

Refund of Automobile Insurance Premiums are being made available to thousands of military personnel, according to the Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA).

The NCOA is working with the American International Group (National Union) in trying to locate those personnel who were stationed in West Germany from 1972 through 1977 who are due refunds.

A survey indicates that only half of the eligible military personnel who were insured in West Germany ever applied for refunds. As a service to the military man the NCOA will provide assistance to those personnel due refunds. This will be done without cost or obligation to the service member regardless of rank and insurance company. For more information contact:

Overseas Refund Coordinator
NCOA International Headquarters
P.O. Box 1861
San Antonio, Texas 78297
(512) 656-2400

or

Phil Hershwiteky
175 McNear Dr.
San Rafael, Cal, 94901
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Retention NCO of the year

Staff Sergeant Richard D. Saretsky **(center) accepts a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement naming him as Sixth US Army Retention NCO of the Year — 1978 from Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, Commanding General, Sixth Army. SSG Saretsky, a member of the 6253d US Army Reserve Hospital, Hamilton Air Force Base, attained the highest percentage of reenlistments in Sixty Army. A right-of-way agent for the State of California in San Francisco, SSG Saretsky resides with his wife Janet and son David (right) in Pacifica, California. (US ARMY PHOTO)**

February is Black History Month

During our history, opportunities for blacks to serve in our Armed Forces paralleled our needs for manpower. Whenever America has been in danger, blacks have responded to the call to arms and have fought with distinction and valor. However, for many years, peacetime service was denied.

General George Washington, in the earlier days of the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), ordered the Army not to enlist, "any deserter from the ministerial Army, nor any stroller, negro or vagabond, or person suspected of being an enemy to the liberty of the American people." This order associated blacks with the least desirable element in our society. However, as the need for men increased and as the British began to enlist blacks, Washington convinced Congress to accept **free** blacks in the Continental Army. As manpower needs further increased, slaves were also accepted. By the end of the war, almost one out of every six soldiers who fought against the British was black. After the war, many slaves were freed as a reward for their military service. However, the number of blacks in the military declined.

Then in 1820, 37 years after the Revoluntionary War ended, it became the official policy of the United States to exclude blacks from her Army. This policy was spelled out in the Federal General Order of 1820 and continued until the **Civil War** (1861-1865) when some 200,000 blacks entered the Army and the Navy in response to the call to save the union.

During the period 1865 to the beginning of World War I, blacks continued to serve but were generally restricted to service as enlisted men, given menial jobs, and allowed to enter the Army in small numbers.

World War I changed some of the restrictive policies of the services. 370,000 blacks were called into the service with almost 200,000 serving overseas. Additionally, in 1917, more than 600 black officer cadets graduated from an officer Reserve training camp at Fort Des Moines, and were commissioned in the United States Army. Before the war was over, more than 1,300 blacks were commissioned and many fought with gallantry. Several black regiments were decorated, (such as the 369th (received the French Cois De Guerre), 370th, 371st and 372nd) and Emmett J. Scott was appointed as the first black Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

After the war, blacks were discharged from the Army in large numbers and others were discouraged from making a career of the Army. Many officers were required to become enlisted men if they wanted to remain in the service.

Between 1918 and the beginning of World War II, only 10 black officers received commissions in the Armed Forces of the United States. The best known was LTG (retired-USAF) Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who graduated from West Point in 1936. General Davis was the first black to be commissioned from the military academy in 47 years. His father, Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., was the first black to be promoted to general officer in the U.S. Army. This unique father and son record began in 1898 when the senior Davis entered the Army. He rose through the ranks from a private in the 9th Cavalry to receive his commission in 1901. Later, he was the first black to be promoted to lieutenant colonel. Ten years later, he was promoted to colonel and in 1940 was promoted to brigadier general.

His son, B.O. Davis, Jr., was promoted to brigadier general in the United States Air Force in 1954 and in 1965 became the first black three star general in the U.S. military services.

In 1941, when our country entered World War II, black Americans were called to serve again. Black strength in the military rose from less than 4,000 at the beginning of the war to almost 700,000 by the end of the war. Blacks served primarily as enlisted men in segregated units. What few black officers there were served primarily as junior officers.

After the war, blacks were admitted into the military during peacetime on a 10 to 12 percent ratio. In **prior** peacetime situations, blacks constituted generally less than 2 percent of the Armed Forces.

Then in 1948, President Truman issued his Executive Order 9981, in which he declared that it was **national policy** that "there shall be equality of opportunity and treatment for all persons in the Armed Services without regard to race, creed or color" and the services were ordered to integrate.

Integration, however, did not actually occur in the Army until the bloody battles on far away Korean hills forced the entry of blacks into formerly all white units. Between the Korean War and the war in Vietnam, the military services became fully integrated and in Vietnam, blacks and whites fought side by side in the villages, rice paddies, and jungles of Southeast Asia. Black officers commanded integrated combat units in **appreciable** numbers.

From 1951 through the late 1960s, a period sometimes called the Civil Rights Revolution, there was a quantum increase in black awareness, especially among the younger blacks who were then entering the service of their country in sizeable numbers. They were not satisfied with the progress the services were making and they expresed their views — sometimes violently.

In 1970, the Department of Defense created the Defense Race Relations Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Instructors were trained in the sensitive business of race relations. In 1972, the Army established the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs to focus on these mattersthroughout the Army. About the same time, the Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, instructed all services:

- To conduct mandatory race relations training programs
- To develop comprehensive affirmative action plans
- And to establish and formally recognize equal opportunity staff positions.

It was believed that every military person should receive formal race relations training. Education was to be the way to sustain racial harmony. Also, if change were to come in the military, the leadership within the military — those with the power to make changes — must be brought to the realization that there was a need for change.

The concept of affirmative action was probably the single most important mechanism for focusing on the problems of equal opportunity. It is a management by objectives system which allows for attaining goals or milestones on a scheduled basis. For example, if the Army's active duty commissioned officer goal for blacks in 1977 was 6 percent and by 1985 is to be 13 percent, then accessions into the active Army programs must be designed in relation to achieving these goals.

It must be stated that these goals are **not** quotas. They are minimum planning targets to be reached while monitoring requisite standards. If we fall short of the goals, then greater effort or perhaps new ways of reaching these goals will be required.

As members of a total volunteer force, we are now part of a defense establishment of free men dedicated to realizing the full potential of **all** of our service personnel, without regard to race, creed, or color.

MP's will begin new campaign on PSF

by Don Delver

"Don't be a pigeon" is the slogan which represents a new crime prevention campaign which has been launched statewide.

Supported by professionally made radio and television advertisements, the program is designed to intensify the state's efforts to bring crime prevention information to the majority of its citizens.

The California Crime Resistance Task Force conveived the program and is responsible for its content. Program materials, including brochures, newspaper articles, posters and flyers have been made available to police departments throughout the state, including the Presidio's. The Provost Marshal's Crime Prevention Section intends to use the logo and slogan as the focal point for its crime prevention campaign.

Throughout the year, the logo and symbol, which depicts a pigeon inside an international sign for "do not," will appear beside crime prevention articles, on flyers passed throughout the post by ACS volunteers, and on publicity for various crime prevention programs throughout the year. The symbol reflects the importance of citizen awareness, and citizen - police cooperation in crime fighting efforts.

According to some experts in the field, 90% of successful policework hinges directly on the efforts of individual citizens and community minded citizen groups. A well informed conscientious public is perhaps the single most effective weapon against all types of crime, and it is the goal of the crime prevention section to provide the Presidio community with the information it needs to protect itself.

We encourage you to look for our symbol, and learn to be safe.

Jumping is my job

Photos by Don Terry and Mike Willoughby

Cover photo by Don Terry
Story by Don Terry

On Friday, January 26, the Parachute Section of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison of Presidio, participated in a parachuting exercise at Camp Parks under the direction of CWO 3 Robert L. Huffman. The members of the Parachute Section that jumped were: Sp5 Stanley Chasten, Sp4 Stephen Theriault, Sp4 Fredrick Lewis, Cpl. Kimberly Stafford, and PFC Darrell Ewing.

Also jumping with the unit were: SFC William Truelove, SSG Clayton House, and SSG Jeffrey Swaffer of the Air Delivery Equipment Branch at Sharp Army Depot, and Major Leo Pasco and SFC James Boyt from the 3rd Bn., 12th Special Forces Reserve Unit at Hamilton AFB.

PFC Darrell Ewing, SSG Jeffrey Swaffer, SFC William Truelove, Cpl. Kimberly Stafford, and Major Leo Pasco (left to right) are on there way up to the drop zone.

SFC James Boyt (right) assists Major Leo Pasco (left) in gathering up parachute after a successful jump.

What goes up . . .

. . . Must come down

Col. John D. Hamilton, Post Commander, observing the jump.

CSM Charles O. George displays look of satisfaction at the completion of the jump.

. . . Right on target . . .

SFC James Boyt, Major Leo Pasco and Sp4 Stephen Theriault (left to right) discussing the jump.

LPN's graduate at LAMC for last time

by Linda Spillaine and Ted Elisee

The Letterman Army Medical School for Clinical Specialists, (91C, Licensed Practical Nurse, LPN) closed its doors for the last time on January 31.

The graduating class will produce approximately 45,000 patient care hours for the military community around the world. The school has been at Letterman since 1953. It was suspended in 1956 for two years and was reinstated in 1958. It has produced over 2,000 students.

In February of 1969, the State of California granted accredidation for the school. This accredidation allowed all the students to take state board which would recognize them as Licensed Practical Nurses or Licensed Vocational Nurses. The accredidation was presented by Governor Ronald Reagan.

The first director of the School was Major Eileen Fitzgerald, now LTC retired. Another former director was Brigadier General Madelyn Parks, now Chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

Present Director of the Clinical Specialist Course, Major Eugene Kazmierczak was disappointed about the course cancellation at LAMC. Said Major Kazmierczak, "I feel badly about the closing, because we have an impressive academic record of having the lowest attrition rate in the 91C school, and there are eight schools in the system. Out of all the LPN schools in California, we are ranked fifth for passing state board examinations the first time around. **We have a record of clinical and academic excellence."**

Through the old course system, the soldier could get to the long course system (91C) in two ways; first,

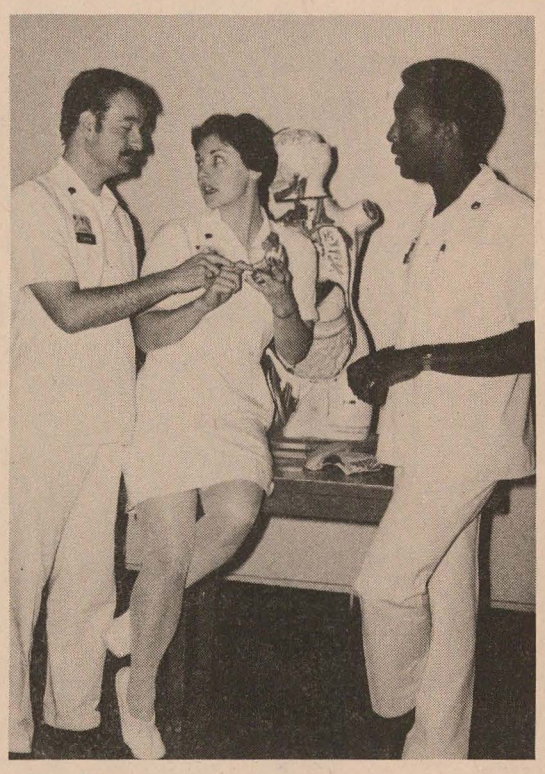


photo by Don Terry

through Basic training and then on to eight weeks of 91B training at Ft. Sam Houston. The second way was for people who had been out in the field as 91B's to apply for advanced training in the 91C school.

Under the new system, soldiers go to the 91C short course and spend four weeks at Ft. Sam Houston and then 12 weeks (a clinical phase) and then work in the field as permanent party members. To get into the course, soldiers will have to re-enlist to get the training on their second enlistment.

Distinguished Honor Grad for the Clinical Specialist course was Sp4 Sara M. Lowe. She is the National Guard at the 146th Combat Support Hospital in Santa Rosa. She plans to go to the University of California in Sonoma and major in Physiology. Said Specialist Lowe, "I gained an appreciation for the importance of good nursing care and an insight into the nurse's place in the health care team."

Honor Graduate Staff Sergeant William Brown is on active duty and was previously stationed at Ft. Lee, Virginia. His next assignment is to Ft. Benning. Said Brown, "I gained confidence in supporting and providing comprehensive nursing care, and the fundamentals of providing emotional support to the patient."

Honor Graduate, Sp4 David Forsha is in the National Guard and is assigned to the 144th Evacuation Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. He plans to go to the University of Utah and Major in Pre-Med. "I learned quite a bit about medicine and the structure of the human body. I found that to be the most interesting."

The Honor Grads expressed their regrets about the school closure. "We feel it's a grave loss that they're closing the school. We feel that clinical specialists play an important role in the field of military medicine."

And so, the practical nurses are off to practice their new found skills, but in the future all the 91C's will be graduating elsewhere.

Mission Essential

by Ted Elisee

The Presidio Citizen of the Quarter is Mrs. Sheila Kim.

Mrs. Kim has been extremely active in the Presidio community for a number of years. The list of her contributions to the community is an extensive one. For example, Mrs. Kim served as a Home Room mother at Hancock Elementary school for 2 years. She presently works with the Communications Committee Bilingual Program at Sherman Elementary School.

She has worked as Team Mother and publicity person for Little League Baseball and Youth Soccer teams. Also she has been serving as a Cub Scout Den Mother for the last two years.

In addition, Mrs. Kim is an ACS volunteer and has contributed 600 hours of her time to this organization.

To name all of her contributions to the Presidio community would be difficult.

Congratulations, Mrs. Kim!

photo by William Jarret

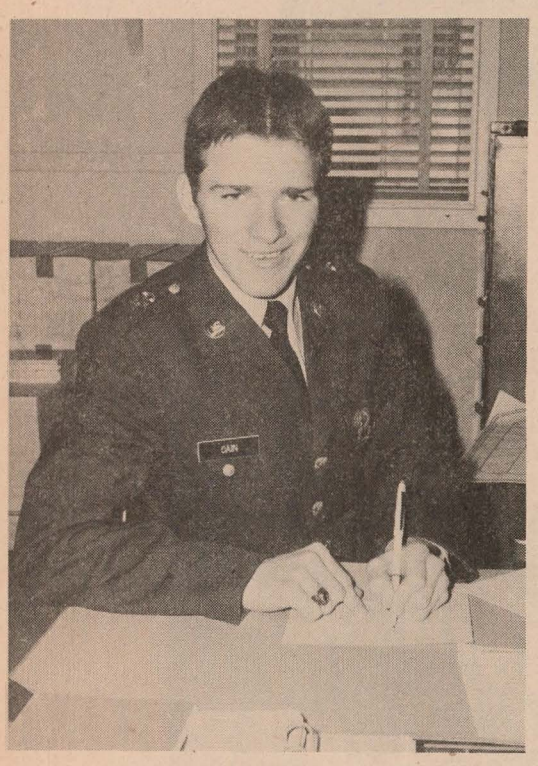


photo by Don Terry

PVT Kolby Cain is an administrative specialist who works at the Human Resources Development Division.

PVT Cain is from Bellingham, Washington. He entered the Army to see places, experience different things, live a different life style and to get an education.

So far, Kolby has taken some basic liberal arts courses, and will major in Business Administration. He is a firm believer that people can gain an education from reading and from becoming aware of the world around them. He added, "You know, the Army has taught me a lot. It's helped me to mature and to get along with people better."

Kolby says he's really in to sports of all kinds. He likes to write and wouldn't mind the journalism field at all. He is also very interested in ESP.

Cain finds his job interesting because of the insight it has given him about the problems people experience. He maintains that involvement with the world around you, "really getting involved" he said, "makes life interesting." "I like to stay busy," he added, "I just want to stay happy. That's what the world is all about."

BLACK HISTORY WEEK
ESSAY CONTEST

WIN a $50.00 or a $25.00 Savings Bond by writing an essay on one of the following topics:

1. Black History Week, What it means to me
2. Black History Week, A time for reflection
3. Black History Week, Past, present and future

A first prize of a $50.00 Savings Bond and a second prize of a $25.00 Savings Bond will be awarded in each of the following catagories:

1. Officers
2. Enlisted Personnel
3. DA Civilians (Civilian Workforce)
4. Dependents, 19 years old or over
5. Dependents, 18 years old or under

Essays should be not less than two or more than three typed, double spaced pages. Entries must be submitted to the Post Human Resources & Development Division (HRDD), Bldg 909, by close of business, 8 Feb 79.

For additional information, contact one of the following:

HRDD, PSF	4602/3701
LAMC, EO	5040/3852
Lt Dyett, LAMC	2174
Mr. Whittenburg	4915

Tennis club meets

The Presidio Tennis Club's First Annual General Membership meeting was held on January 29.

Interest was high. More than 70 people attended the meeting. Officers who were elected are as follows:

President - Bentley Hill
Secretary - Dee Houck
Treasurer - Bea Carpenter
Team Captains - Lynn and B.J. Rasmussen

Tennis instruction and forthcoming activities were the primary topics of discussion. For further information regarding the club, contact Bentley Hill, ext. 3536 or 7330 or Dee Houck, ext. 3820 or 7527834.

CID recruiting

The United States Army Criminal Investigation Command is currently seeking highly qualified/career oriented personnel to become special agents in the field of criminal investigation.

Particular emphasis is being placed in female/minority recruiting.

Basic requirements may be found in AR 195-3.

For further information contact SA Bourgeois, San Francisco Field Office, extension 5405/3577.

Post Commander presents awards to retiring civil servants

by Linda Spillaine

The Presidio's first quarterly Civilian Retirement Ceremony was held December 28, 1978 in the Post Conference Room.

Mr. Joseph Blaser, Jr. and Mr. Arthur H. Kellaugh, both from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering were the retirees honored at the ceremony.

Prior to working as a civilian on the Presidio, Mr. Joseph Blaser, Jr., was in the Army and served with the 30th Infantry here from 1938 to 1941. Mr. Blaser then enlisted in the US Navy Submarine service in 1942 seeing duty in the South Pacific and China Theatre; his duty ended in 1945.

During his civilian service, Mr. Blaser held positions as a carpenter, carpenter leader, floor layer, and cabinetmaker. Mr. Blaser received numerous letters of appreciation for projects he completed at the Presidio. He also received a a certificate and a cash award of $25 for his participation in the suggestion program.

Mr. Arthur H. Kellough served in the Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre from 1943 to 1946. During World War II, he worked for the Marine Corps and in 1950 began his apprenticeship. Joining the Presidio family in 1960, Mr. Kellough held positions as a woodcraftsman, carpenter, carpenter leader and cabinetmaker, in addition to, service as an Acting Leaderman.

A Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Mr. Kellough in 1975 for his efforts in the deactivation of four NIKE Hercules Surface to Air Guided Missile Sites. Mr. Kellough received outstanding performance ratings and sustained superior performance awards as a woodscraftsman.

Red Cross needs help at LAMC

Red Cross volunteers needed at Letterman Army Medical Center.

We are now recruiting volunteers who wish to donate four hours or more to assist with escorting patients from their wards to X-ray, lab, or clinic appointments.

Training is planned so volunteers can assist patients in wheel chairs and to help familiarize the volunteers with the hospital.

If you are interested, please call the Red Cross office 561-2187 for details.

Swim club competes at Novato

by Ted Elisee

The Aquarius Swim Club can be proud of their accomplishments at a recent swim meet held at Indian Valley College in Novato.

In the eight year old and under competition, Nick Russo, a strong contender, placed first in the 25-yard freestyle with an A time and placed second in the 50-yard butterfly competition. Lisa Bell, another go-getter placed second in the 50 yard butterfly match, and went on to demonstrate her strength by finishing fourth in the 25 yard freestyle and 7th in the 25 yard breaststroke.

In the ten and under competition Robin Wicks stroked her way to second place in the grueling 100-yard backstroke, and an impressive first place finish in the 50-yard butterfly action scoring an A time. She also finished the A division 50 yard breaststroke in 6th place and 6th in the 50 yard freestyle.

Mary Carpenter deserves recognition for her 8th place finish in the 50-yard backstroke, while teammate Nicole Lafayette finished 8th in the 50-yard freestyle. Nice going, Nicole.

In the 11 and 12 year old category, Mark Russo, surged forward to a 3rd place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, while brother Brian Russo outstroked Mark and placed second in the same competition. Brian also finished 8th in the 100-yard Individual Medley, and 6th in the 50-yard backstroke.

Other honorable mentions go to Denise Tietze, fourth in 500-yard freestyle. Margie Moore fifth in 100-yard Individual Medley, Carol Meshinsky, 6th in 50-yard freestyle.

In the thirteen and fourteen year old category Adnre Lafayette showed flexibility by finishing 8th in the 100 yard freestyle, fifth in the 100 yard backstroke, 6th in the 100 yard butterfly, and 5th in the 50 yard freestyle.

In the 15 to 18 year old tourney, Annette Tietze outclassed all challengers by placing first in the 100 yard backstroke, 1st in the 200-yard breaststroke, first in the 200 yard backstroke, second in the 100-yard freestyle, third in the 100-yard backstroke, and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle. Also to be commended are her teammates Debbie Havis, and Julie Adams. Debbie placed second in the 200-yard freestyle, third in the 100-yard butterfly. Julie placed 7th in the 100-yard breaststroke, 5th in the 100 yard butterfly and 6th in 200-yard breaststroke.

Post Tourney

The elite of the Presidio League and Fort Scott League will clash next week for the Post Championship.

Heading the Presidio League will be LAMC #1, followed by the race horses of the 864th Engineers. HQ 6th Army and LAMC #3 will represent the Fort Scott League.

The first game between the champions of the Presidio League against the runner-up of the Fort Scott League will be at 6 p.m., on Thursday, February 8. The champions of the Fort Scott League will face the race horses of the 864th Engineers at 7:15 p.m.

On Friday, February 9, the winners of game #1 and game #2 will meet at 7:15 p.m. while the losers will battle to stay alive in the double elimination championships at 6 p.m.

Game #5 will be played at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 12. The championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, with the "If Game" following, if necessary.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the final game.

DYA Class

A Dependent Youth Activities tennis class is being offered by Recreation Services for youngsters ages 8-16.

lessons will begin February 13 5 to 6 p.m. at Infantry Terrace tennis court. The class is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday until March 22. The cost of the class if $5.00 per student for the entire class. Fees will be refunded only for insufficient registration. Each youngster must have athletic shoes and provide one can of new tennis balls to the first meeting of the class. Tennis rackets will be provided. Registration and fees may be paid at the Recreation Services Office, Bldg. 122, between 8 a.m. and noon. For more information, phone the DYA Office, ext. 5143.

6th Army Band to perform Sunday

A San Francisco — Bay Area inter-faith service will be held in St. Ignatius Church, Fulton Street and Parker Avenue, Sunday afternoon, February 4, in observance of "Four Chaplains' Sunday."

Representatives of the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths will participate in the service, which marks the 36th anniversary of the heroic four chaplains who gave up their life belts that others might live and went to their deaths when the troop transport S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland.

The Service will start at 2:00 p.m., with a half hour concert by the Sixth Army Band, under the direction of Warrant Officer Tony Cason. The Service will include a formal procession of Colors from representatives throughout the Bay Area.

The religious service will start at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. David H. Romeis, formerly State Chaplain of The American Legion, and Pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek, as master of ceremonies.

Special musical selections will be presented by the Sacret Heart High School Senior Chorus of San Francisco under the direction of Brother Martin.

Other clergy participating will be Rabbi Malcolm Sparer, President, Board of Rabbis of Northern California; Colonel G.M. Schweitzer, 6th Army Chaplain; Rt. William J. Clasby, former Air Force Chaplain, World War II and the Rev. Father Thomas Splain, S.J., Prefect, St. Ignatius Church.

The four chaplains who went to their deaths, holding hands and joining in prayer after they had given their life belts to four soldiers who had no belts, were the Revs. Geroge L. Fox and Clark V. Poling, Protestants, Rabbi Alexander B. Goode, and the Rev. John P. Washington.

The public is invited to attend this observance.

"Four Chaplains' Sunday" marks the start of Religious Emphasis Week observed by the Legion each year.

Crime Scene

by Bernard Cannon

Maintaining order remains a major police responsibility.

The great majority of the calls patrols receive involve breaches of the peace or requests for assistance, rather than reports of crimes in the usual sense of the term.

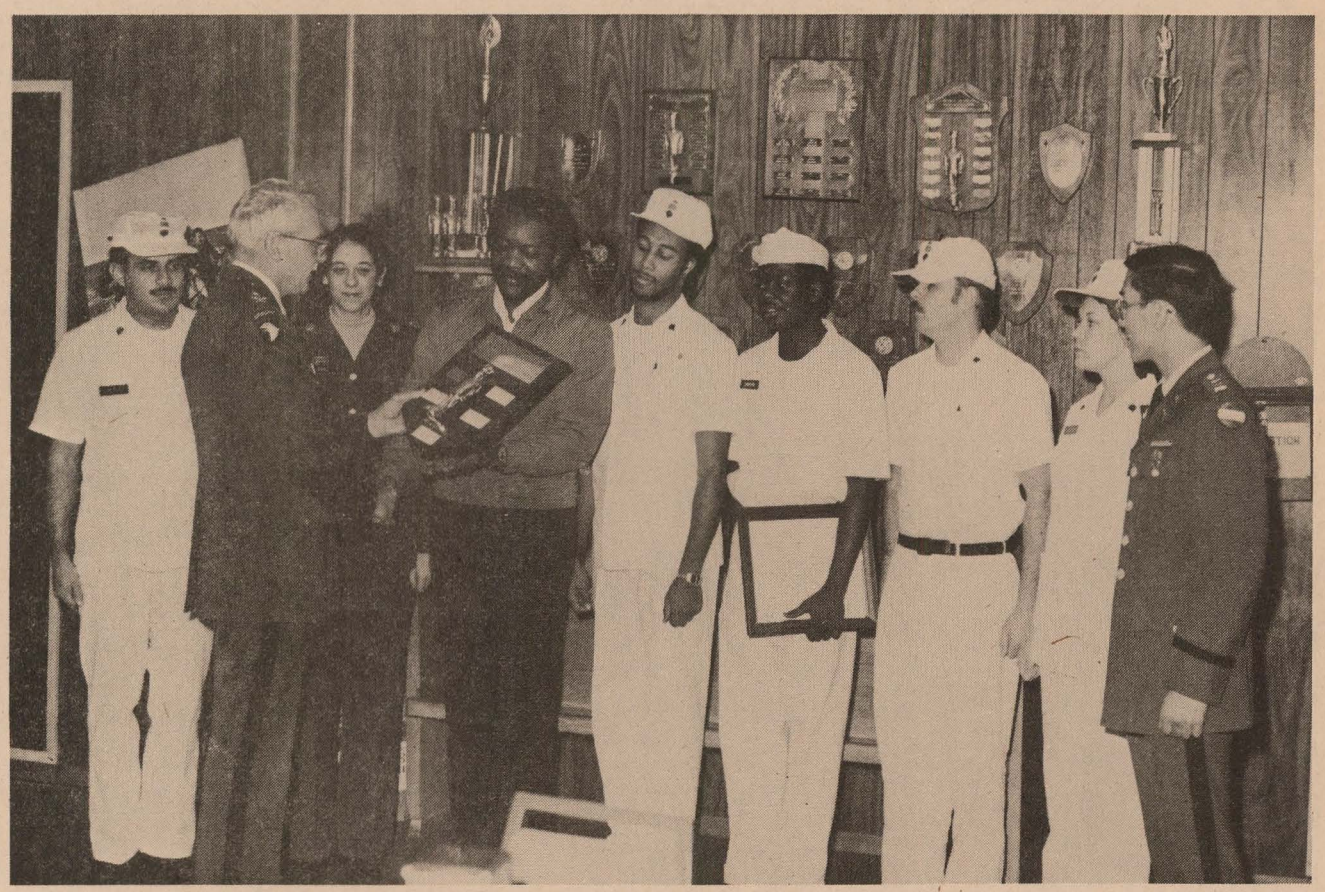
In certain neighborhoods police spend large amounts of time responding to "family (or domestic) disputes" — arguments and fights between relatives, lovers, friends, and passing acquaintances. These calls are the most dangerous kind of police work.

In violent disputes among friends or lovers, one of the parties often acts in irrational and unpredictable ways. When an officer arrives, moreover, disputants, including the one who called for help, sometimes unite and turn on him as the common enemy.

Rec Center News

CRAFTS SHOP CLASSES: **Wood Lathe Workshops** will be held Sundays, February 4 and 11, 1979, 1 - 4 p.m. $2.00 fee per person. Each workshop is limited to 6 people. If you are interested in items turned on the lathe, i.e. bowls, bed posts, table legs, etc., this is an excellent opportunity. Use of this machine is not covered in Beginners Woodworking Class. Please stop by the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122 or call 4497 for registration.

USAG wins award



HQ USAG Dining Facility **was chosen the best dining facility for the first quarter FY 79. Post Commander, Colonel John D. Hamilton presented the award to the facility personnel earlier this month. Pictured left to right are: Sp5 Walter Ryes, Colonel Hamilton, Sp5 Debra Ross, SFC John Ross (Food Services Sergeant), Sp4 Kermas Patterson, Pvt. 1 Dawson Aaron, Sp4 Charles Baker, Sp5 Connie Milton, and First Lieutenant Benjamin Agustin (Food Services Officer). D Co., 864th Engineers Dining Facility had been selected "best facility" all four quarters of FY 78.**

National Children's Dental Health Week

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National Children's Dental Health Week will be observed next week by the Presidio's Preschool/Kindergarten classes and Presidio's Dental Activity.

Activites to be included during this week will be visits to the school by the dental hygienists and Preventive Dental Officer to talk to the children about nutrition, tooth decay and proper oral hygiene. A dental examination will be given to each child. The older children will have the opportunity to visit LAMC's dental clinic and perhaps be orientated to the dental environment for the first time.

In the latter part of the week, parents of the children will have the opportunity to be involved in National Children's Dental Health Week by attending with their children a session on dental hygiene and dental orientation of the child. Parents attending will also have a dental examination.

Friend or Foe?

Ready to take on all "comers" **to protect their impromptu home and right of "King of the Rubbish Heap," a pair of not too friendly California Raccoons glare out at the cameraman from their Demsey Dumpster domain near West Region Recruiting Command Headquarters at Fort Baker. The dusk prowling pair vacated their dumpster quarters later the same day. (Photo by Don Norton)**

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Role of Army Wives

Relating to the Military

Photos and interview by Ted Elisee

What do you see as the role of the wife in the military today?

Beverly — I would say to keep the family unit together, coordinate whatever new situations you come into. Moving presents a lot of problems. Here, the schools have been the major problem. Actually, just maintaining the family unit."

Myra — "I would have to agree with Beverly, but the times are changing so I guess each woman has to decide for herself whether she can afford the financial hardship incurred by not returning to work and then providing the community support, because there are a lot of things that happen on post that really only get done through the wives, for example, they have to help themselves when it comes to the nursery, PX, and things like that and someone has to go and take responsibility for expressing their concern."

Beverly Carpenter President LAMC Officers Wives Club

Would you be more specific about what are the wives' responsibilities in getting things accomplished on the post?

Myra — "What do you mean, more specific?

About what type of activities - where do responsibilities lie - where does she get involved?

Myra — "I would say there are so many things - ACS always needs help. Through the Wives Club, she can participate in a lot of community activities - not only for women - but the children as well by dealing with the nursery - somebody has to go to the nursery and speak to them about our concerns and the commissary and the PX."

Do you have anything to add to that, Barbara? — "Well, I would agree, and I would think that the Wives Club could act as a vehicle for many topics of interesting discussion so that when the wives get together socially and at official functions, they can relate to the other wives and talk about things other than the kids, the commissary, and PX."

Beverly — "The Wives Club is a beginning, a place to find out where to go, where you are needed, what is expected."

Can any of you discuss the role of the Wives Club as it was in the past as opposed to today and has it changed any?

Peggy — "I would say definitely there has been a change. It used to be there was a segregation such as enlisted clubs and NCO clubs, there was a pulling apart of pigeon holes of which area to associate with, but yet if you were in the Scouting Program - Girl or Boy Scouts - or Community Services, you still met these wives - it wasn't a social thing, strictly business, all volunteer again. Our club can no longer be an NCO Wives Club, it must be labeled an enlisted Wives Club since NCO Club was not the correct term to be used. We cannot get the lower non-commissioned wives in the enclisted wives club - It's difficult to get them to participate. Perhaps they think we are all rank crazy or we are all E-7's wives. We all have a need and a responsibility for each other, but they won't come forward and that is our basic problem."

Barbara Smith President Fort Mason's Officers Wives Club

Do any of you see any reason why the younger women do not want to join now or why they feel alienated or where this comes from.

Beverly — "We have had a reversal - I have been a part of groups where it has really been like that. We would have to drag out the young people or they would avoid it mainly because they wanted to avoid rank, and they had all the prejudices and did not want to get involved, but I think basically our hospitality has caused the reversal. We go out and welcome these young people, try to show them the military life, give them the insights of the ACS, the commissary, the Thrift Shop, what is available, and then some feel they want to be a part and share - so those that do not go to work, and there are a number that go to work or want to go to school, and when they don't join the Wives Club, and even when they have finished school, they come back to the club. We have seen a change, and I think it's the way we welcome them."

What about you, Barbara? — "I can see the change as just the opposite. I think we have alienated the younger wives. At one time it was the obligation of the Commander to tell the husbands that the wives should be members of the Wives Club - now that it is voluntary, you can join if you want to or not join - we do not feel any obligation

Myra Golphenee President Presidio Officers Wives Club

to it or feel it's a duty or that your husband's Commander is going to be on his back if his wife doesn't join the club. As a result, the senior wives have had to take charge and do the things that the junior wives used to do because in our case the lieutenant's wife was told that she would do certain things, and her husband, being junior, very junior, would lay the law down to her, and she would do it, but that is all over now. All the old folks are hanging in there - in our case, anyway. We are used to being at home because we didn't work, some of us have never worked, and this is something for us to do. The younger wives want to go to school and here in San Francisco she has every opportunity for both working or going to school, so with our club it is mostly the older women who are active."

Myra — "Our group is kind of funny. Our board is very very young. We have a couple Colonels' wives but mostly they are Captains' and Majors' wives. Half of our board, because of the Presidio's being located where it is, is retired. We have the best of two worlds - we really have a combination of the two different women and it is kind of interesting. The younger ones do the work - no, that's not true - we have called on the older ladies, too, and they have gone all out with baking."

Is it possible that there is no place today for the liberated woman in wives clubs?

Myra — "I sure hope not."

Beverly — "The liberated woman brings interesting programs - dynamic ones - I mean I think things have changed in the Wives Club. We have had more exciting things to do — not just going to a luncheon, then sit and play bridge after — you know we are doing things. About our activities, we offer - I don't know, 25 - 40 courses they can take, and people from the city come in and offer their talents and of course, the people pay for their courses, but I think it is still alive. I think it is beginning again, it is a change, and while the change is going on, it is slowing down, but now I think it is growing again. Maybe not - maybe - in most areas I think it is starting to happen. Here, anyway."

Peggy Neeley President Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives Club

Myra — "We have a lot of working wives who will come in and work whenever they are needed, and of course, that is only in the evening, and they work and attend evening classes, but they do Christmas wrap and things like that so — what is a liberated woman? I consider myself a liberated woman, and I happen to be one of the presidents. I hope there is room for us in the club."

There has been a statement that many of the women in Wives' Clubs wear their husband's rank. Would anyone like to comment on that?

Myra — "When I took over, my husband was a Captain. I can't think of anything funnier than trying to wear my husband's rank. I think you defer to your advisors because they have more experience - I don't call it deferring to rank at all."

Peggy — "There are still individuals who will, no matter what group it is. Most of the women

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Blood drive statistics

The Presidio Quarterly Drive (which includes tenants) was 1-1/2% short of the Commander's goal (10% of assigned strength).

The following units and activities achieved the commander's goal of 10% of assigned strength: HHC 504th MP Bn, Co D 864th Engr Bn, 16th AG Postal, HQ Co USAG, Sixth USA Band, 170th MP Co, 163d MP Co, Presidio Officers Wives Club, US Army Communication Agency, Staff Judge Advocate, MISO, Adjutant Division, HQ element of DPCA, Recreation Services Division (DPCA), Personnel Services Division (DPCA), Civilian Personnel Office, and Public Affairs Office, DRCS.

Thanks to the representatives and the many donors of the military and civilian community for their concern and participation in the Presidio Blood Drive we were able to register 389 donors and collect 337 units of blood. This is a 300% improvement over January 1978.

For those people who did not donate because of the delay, we will be better organized during our next quarterly drives and the delay will be minimized.

Crime Scene

by Mike Quinones-Colon

In recent years there has been a sharp increase in juvenile crimes which include some serious criminal acts. The problem of the juvenile offender is not confined to the civilian community, the military community is also being faced with increasing numbers of juvenile incidents which involve the thefts and damage of government and private property.

The Presidio of San Francisco is one spot affected by the increase in juvenile related crimes. Delinquent acts by juveniles have many negative results, ranging from the destruction of property to personal injury. Youthful offenders create special problems, due in large part, to the unique jurisdictional position in which military authorities find themselves. Minor incidents may be disposed of without formal action; instead the parents would be counseled and the youth reprimanded, with a warning as to the consequences of future delinquency. More serious incidents involving juvenile dependents which are detrimental to the command, may result in administrative action being taken. The command has several options available to include:

1) Reduction of privileges.
2) Suspension of privileges.
3) Officially reprimanding the sponsor.
4) Prosecution in a Civil Court if the offense is serious and upon counsultation and advice from the local SJA Office.

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for the conduct and welfare of their dependent children. If however a problem requiring outside assistance arises, feel free to contact the Juvenile Officer, Provost Marshal Office, Presidio of San Francisco at 561-4217 or 561-4721.

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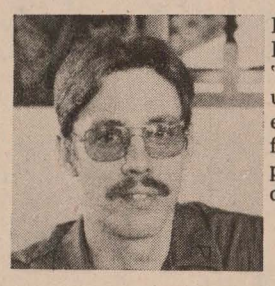
Ramblin' Sam

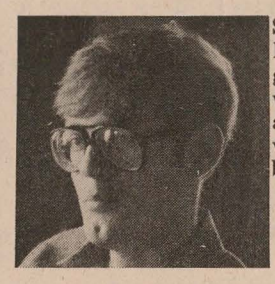
How did the Log Cabin/Rec Center move affect you?



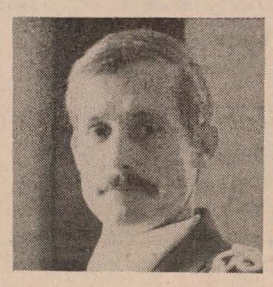
PFC James Heath, Military Police 170th MP Co. — "Doesn't affect me a bit! I don't use the club because I don't enjoy myself there. I don't care for the music or the atmosphere there and the move didn't help at all."

Mrs. Donna Knepp, wife of Sp4 Andrew Knepp, Biological Tech. LAIR — "I have mixed feelings about it. I liked the Rec. Center where it was because it was more convenient and I enjoyed the facilities they had and the space to move in. But I also think the NCO Club needed more room and will be nicer where it is now. It would be nice if both could be there together."

Sgt. Vicki Kelley, Assistant Traffic Control Sgt. 504th MP Bn. — "It's better in that it's more family oriented. The Log Cabin was nothing but a bar and not a place that I enjoyed. I feel that the move can only improve the Club."



Sp4 Mark Ross, Central Office Repairman USACC — "It's great! It's more centralized and within walking distance. It also provides a place for private parties as well as a nice ballroom for dancing."



SSgt. Richard Harmon, Reports of Survey DIO — "I don't feel that it changed a thing by moving the NCO Club. I think they need less disco and a wider variety of entertainment. Besides, a club card gets you nothing at the club. I enjoy myself more by going elsewhere. Unless it is improved, I will continue going elsewhere."

Sp4 Jeff Biedenbender, NCOIC 6th Army Protocol — "It's more convenient now with more space. I like the entertainment better although I miss the large screen television that the Rec. Center had."

Look for AAFES Specials

Washington (ARNEWS) — To squeeze extra value out of shopping dollars, AAFES advises buyers to look for the small green labels or tags on clothing, linens, toiletries, shoes, kitchenware and other items in the AAFES budget specials.

The Budget Special Program which has been available to Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) customers since mid-1978 is helping put a dent into inflation, say officials and lessens the impact of currency devaluation in overseas locations.

A wide range of high-volume products for everyday use is included in the AAFES Budget Specials Program, all designed to benefit the family budget. The economy-priced products are displayed alongside other merchandise in the same department so that customers can readily compare prices and value.

AAFES says that buyers are continuing to look for merchandise that will fit the AAFES Budget Specials Program. Each exchange may also identify items that are procured and sold locally, allowing managers to meet demands for regional merchandise.

The latest item added to AAFES' Budget Specials in CONUS is a major brand name of motor oil in five weights at prices of 49, 59 and 79 cents per quart. The overall program now includes items in categories such as men's, women's, children's and infants' clothing, shoes, linens, sewing machines, dinnerware, common household items, small appliances and health and beauty aids.

Celebrate Black History Week

You are cordially invited to join the Presidio community in its observance of Black History Week, February 12 - 16, 1979.

Black History Week is observed to pay particular tribute to the contributions made by Black Americans in the development and growth of our country in all areas. Another important objective is to foster the growth of understanding between ethnic groups in America.

I invite and strongly encourage all to participate and attend the schedule events. In this regard, military and civilian supervisors are authorized to release employees upon request for appropriate periods of time consistent with work requirements.

John D. Hamilton
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

BLACK HISTORY
(AFRO-AMERICAN) WEEK

TUESDAY 13 FEB 1979

504th MP BN	FILM/DISCUSSION	FT. SCOTT CHAPEL
HQ CO USAG	FILMS	UNIT DAYROOM
51st ENGR DET	VISIT TO CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	
16th AG DET	VIDEO TAPE PRESENTATION	FT. SCOTT GYM
CO D, 864 ENGR BN	GUEST SPEAKER, FILM, BROWN BAG "RAP" SESSION	

THURSDAY 15 FEB 1979

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504th MP BN	FILM/DISCUSSION	FT. SCOTT CHAPEL
HQ CO, USAG	FILMS/GUEST SPEAKER is possible	UNIT DAYROOM
51st ENGR DET	ETHNIC LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT	
16th AG DET	VIDEO TAPE/FILM	FT. SCOTT GYM

NOTE: ALL UNITS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THEIR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN POST-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO UNIT FUNCTIONS.

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have made a career of it for a long time and have seen the change go up gradually. I don't think of her as an E-8's wife. I still feel sorry for the person that might not know when they come to California that first year that they are a resident. I go tell them about free tuition, or if we sponsor someone, I still take them around and show them the commissary and where their carts are usually hidden, show her the school is here, explain the bus schedule. I can't update myself to the idea we shouldn't do things like this. I can't. A lot of people say, 'Oh, you shouldn't do things like that'."

Myra — "You **should** do things like that.

Barbara — "Yes, you should."

What are some of the activities that are being conducted by your clubs right now that you would consider important and interesting to a prospective member?

Beverly — "Well, the activities are offered twice a year, and there is quilting, macrame, exercise, sewing, cooking, just everything. Calligraphy is a new one. Anything people want, we go and find it for them, and even if there are only 5 people, classes can be conducted. Program vary - right now we are having an Income Tax Program at our luncheon - it is Income Tax time. There are wives who are starting to get into accounting or income tax work. The Presidio Wives Clubs are offering the scholarship program that we are working on right now.

Myra — "At this time of the year we take all the money we have earned and figure out where it is going to go in the community, and those requests that come to our club are handled, and then the money is disbursed in April. We have about $1,000 to go into the community this year besides the scholarships. As far as activities, we participate with Letterman. We just finished a wine tasting seminar, and we are going into a fashion show next time so we are kind of into the downward swing, just having fun the rest of the year."

Peggy — "The enlisted wives' functions are the scholarship funds which we offer to the military dependents of poeple assigned to the Presidio - retired, deceased, and active and we have the Save the Children's Foundation in which we sponsor two children a month, and we have had the program 3-1/2 years that I know of, and also I'd say the basic general bulletin board of the blood drives that are coming, or possibly a social function in conjunction with a farewell. We are very limited in membership but our funds seem to be doing pretty well."

If you had it to do all over again, would you serve as the president of the wives club, if so, why, and if not, why not?

Myra — "I would do it again. We have done a lot of fun things, we've made a bit of a difference this year, and you see people grow in this position. You watch people who were maybe a little timid become more assertive and see the satisfaction people have when they do something well - they feel good and then like the building we have this year. It offers a place for the wives to meet and get together which we didn't have last year, and the Presidio and Letterman managed to get that this year, and there's just been a lot of things we have done this year, and I feel good about it."

Beverly — "Yes, I'd do it again. It seemed like a formidable job when I took it, and I had rejected to run for president because I felt that I just wasn't willing to give up my time, and it did take a lot, but it was more of a public relations job, it is a coordinating job, and it is much easier than I thought, and I enjoyed working with a lot of different people and people from other organizations and really it has enhanced my own self."

Barbara — "It was a challenge for me and it was one I was fighting doing, but it has been rewarding, and I have learned that I am not a leader, but I am working towards that, and it has been beneficial to me as a person."

Myra — "Whether you like it or not, you are going to grow a little bit before the year's over."

Peggy — "I am new in this job, but I took this office because I wanted to increase our membership and also it's good for me in the sense that I feel that I can have the women in our club look out for other women. If others indicate a need for help or be wanted, we too can express our needs and hopefully we can share with each other. Like Beverly said, we will learn from each other."

Do any of you believe that your husband will progress in the military because of your service in the Wives Club?

ALL — "No!"

Army News notes

Voting info

(WASH-ARNEWS—Voting officers will provide the following information to all military voters-soldiers, DA civilians overseas, and their dependents who are residents of the states indicated. The information may be published in internal media as appropriate.

The following states will hold statewide and congressional elections during 1979:

A. California - special election to fill eleventh congressional district seat vacancy. Tentative election dates are: Primary Election - 6 March 1979; General Election - 3 April 1979. Registration deadline - 29 days prior to election, however, military and civilians overseas may request absentee ballot and register simultaneously.

B. District of Columbia - special election for an at large city council seat and ward four city council seat. Special election - 1 May 1979. Registration deadline - unregistered voters using Federal post card application 45 days before election.

C. Kentucky - Election of governor, Lt. governor, constitutional officers, all state representatives, state senators. Primary election - 29 May 1979; primary registration deadline - 30 April 1979; general election - 6 November 1979; general registration deadline - 10 October 1979.

D. Louisiana - Election of governor, Lt. governor, state constitutional officers; state legislators, state senators. Primary election - 27 October 1979; general election - 6 November 1979. Registration deadline - thirty days before election.

E. Mississippi - Election of governor, Lt. governor, state constitutional officers, state legislators, state senators. Primary election - 7 August 1979; general election - 6 November 1979. Registration deadline - thirty days prior to elections.

F. New Jersey - Election of general assembly (eighty members) and county and local officials. Primary election - 5 June 1979; primary registration deadline - 7 May 1979; general election - 6 November 1979; general registration deadline 9 October 1979.

G. Pennsylvania - Election of Justice of Supreme Court and other state judges. Primary election - 15 May 1979; general election - 6 November 1979. Registration deadline for military and overseas personnel is not fixed but application must be received in time to allow for transmission of election materials and receipt of ballot not later than the Friday before the election.

In addition to the elections outlined in paragraph two above, there are a number of local municipal, county and other elections scheduled including important referendums and bond issues. Interested voters should contact their town or county clerks for details on these elections. Voting officers should use the 1978 voting assistance guide for reference in providing information to interested voters. If additional information is needed, contact the DA Voting Assistance Officer, Autovon 223-0063 or 223-0067, commercial (202) 693-0063 or 693-0067.

Toll free service to end

Washington (ARNEWS) — Toll-free phone service to Federal Job Information Centers will end by March and 45 of the 113 centers will close by October, according to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (Formerly Civil Service Commission) Director Alan Campbell. Campbell made the announcement last week in an OPM news release.."...We handled nearly 12 million job inquiries while (Federal) agencies hired only 153,000 new employees," Campbell is quoted as saying, adding: "In effect, we have been building false (hiring) expectations through our present job information system ..."

The closure, thre release adds, will mean an annual savings of $1.1 million by ending toll-free phone service and another $1 million by closing the 45 centers targeted in the streamlining plan.

The cutbacks should be compensated for in part, according to the release, by posting Federal job opportunity information in post offices and employment offices. At least one job information center will remain open in each state and U.S. possession, the release states.

Hardest hit by the closures is California, with a loss of eight centers, the release says, in addition to losses of four centers in each Alabama, New York and Texas, and three each in Florida and Ohio.

Improved Security at PX's

Washington (ARNEWS) — Exchange service officials say that improved security programs have substantially lowered losses over the last three years.

Losses from robbery have decreased by 86 percent. Burglary losses are down 52 percent, and losses from other larcenies have been reduced by 72 percent, according to officials.

Detectives in Army and Air Force Exchanges detained more than 11,500 shoplifters last year, according to Exchange officials.

The detectives were also responsible for uncovering more than 1,500 incidents of employee theft last year, involving nearly a half million dollars in pilfered merchandise.

The Exchange service is a major contributor to morale and recreational funds — funds that are used to build and improve libraries, Service Club Day Rooms, athletic activities, etc. Exchange losses mean fewer contributions to these funds. In effect, when military personnel or their dependents shoplift in Exchange facilities they are stealing from themselves, say officials.

PSF sponsors lecture

On February 10 from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. the local chapters of the Company of Military Historians and the Council on Abandoned Military Posts will meet at the Presidio Army Museum for a special series of talks on military history in California. Both Mr. Langellier and Mr. Green of the Museum staff will deliver lectures. The keynote speaker will be Colonel Herbert Hart, Deputy Director of Information for the United States Marine Corps. Colonel Hart will be TDY in the Bay Area from Washington, D.C. to speak on the subject of the U.S. Army, Marine Corps and Navy in the opening of the Pacific Coast. He is scheduled to appear at 1330 at the Museum. In addition to his present assignment with the Marine Corps, Colonel Hart has authored several books on U.S. military history, and is national Secretary for the Council on Abandoned Military Posts.

Ed Center news

REFRESHER MATH AND TEST PREPARATION — This course will be conducted on an individualized basis. Students can review any or all of the following: fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, metric system, introduction to algebra and consumer math. This course is especially appropriate for individuals who use math in their job; to prepare for the SQT, ACT, SAT, CLEP and Civil Service math exams; to review for college entrance and for personal use. Class will be held Mon thru Thurs 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., from Feb. 26 to Apr. 5 at the Ft. Scott Education Center. For further information or to enroll, call ext. 2974/4445.

Rec Center news

The Recreation Center is now open at its **new location, the Log Cabin,** Bldg. 1299.

Special activities include **Backgammon** and **Chess** lessons on Monday nights.

Disco Dance instruction is available on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. A professional instructor will teach you the latest steps.

Intermission includes refreshments; all at no charge. Wednesday nights feature **Soul Disc Jockey,** Bobby G. You can dance from 9:00 until midnight. On Thursday evening **improve your pool game** with pool sharp, Hank Nole. Hank will be on hand at 7:00. The weekend offers do it yourself activities plus a refreshment bar on Sundays.

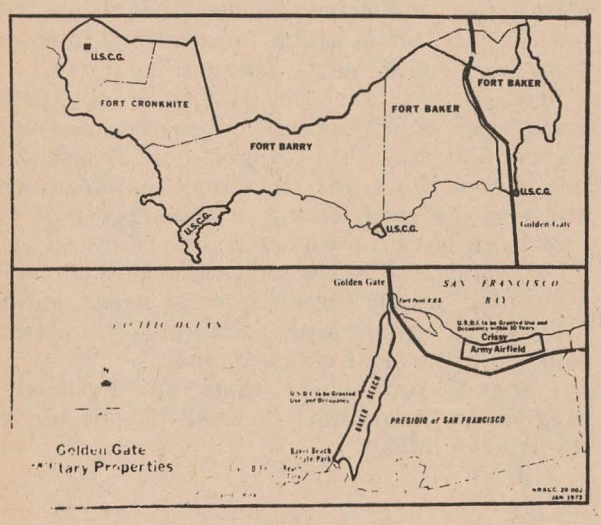
The ITT office (information tour and travel) is open from 2:00 to 6:00. The 1979 Disneyland coupons are now available. For more information call 561-2000/5420 after 2 p.m.

History is housed in the Marin hills

By Mariette Fillman

Tucked behind the Marin headlands lies a secret valley. Long-abandoned Army buildings dot the countryside. Twilight fog hugs the meandering roads. Military families, park rangers, and pelicans all call this place "home."

Others call it Forts Barry and Cronkhite. During World War II some 80 temporary barracks near Rodeo Beach (Fort Cronkhite) housed the hundreds of soldiers who manned the headland batteries. Semi-permanent barracks were added with the construction of Nike missile sites on the Pacific bluffs (Fort Barry) during 1954-61.



Balloon Hangar

The last of the Nike sites was deactivated in 1974, when the forts were incorporated into the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Today officers still reside in majestic pre-WWI quarters and enlisted personnel occupy 1959 housing at Cape Hart in Fort Barry, but these are the only signs of military occupation now.

Named for Civil War hero Major General Adelbert Cronkhite in 1937, Fort Cronkhite was considered impregnable by land, sea, or air. Most of the WWII barracks remain. Tenants today include the California Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center, World College West, the Yosemite Institute, the Young Adult Conservation Corps, and, during summer, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

Majestic Quarters

Fort Barry honors the name of Brevet General William F. Barry, also a Civil War veteran. Dedicated in 1909, the fort includes Point Bonita, a rocky finger on the ocean tip of the headlands, site of a US Coast Guard lighthouse. A large conference facility, the Point Bonita Outdoor Center, is maintained by the San Francisco YMCA at a barracks complex. Near the Fort Barry playfield an officer's quarters (circa 1907) has been converted into an American Youth Hostel. The Presidio Riding Club's indoor ring here was a WWII balloon hangar.

Wildlife abounds in this isolated environment. The bobcat, deer, owl, skunk, fox, quail, and pygmy rabbit are protected in the Gerbode Natural Preserve. A raccoon community, some of which were imported from the Presidio, thrives here. Because of the inherent rabies danger, rangers caution visitors to observe all animals from a safe distance.

A pair of specially mounted **twelve inch guns served at Battery Wallace in the mid-1920's as one of the longest range pieces in the Bay Area's defense. (photo — Presido Army Museum)**

Birdwatcher's Paradise

Last summer YCC crews completed a nature trail around Rodeo Lagoon, a birdwatcher's paradise. This brackish lagoon is a favorite spot of the cormorant, brown pelican, great blue heron, black crown night heron, common egret, snowy egret, coot, canvasback, and mallard.

Photographs, maps, WWII memorabilia, dioramas, and beachcombers' finds are on display in the ranger station's Visitor Center (Bldg. 1050, near the Army firehouse at Rodeo Beach). For information on ranger-led nature walks, call the Center at x7612.

Shuttle buses leave the Presidio for Fort Cronkhite eight times a day, 0610 - 1630, Monday through Friday. Call the Motor Vehicle branch at x2505 for details.

At other hours, visitors to the forts have a choice of two roads. Both are accessible from US Hwy 101 (Golden Gate Bridge) by taking the Alexander Ave/Sausalito exit northbound or the Sausalito/GGNRA exit southbound.

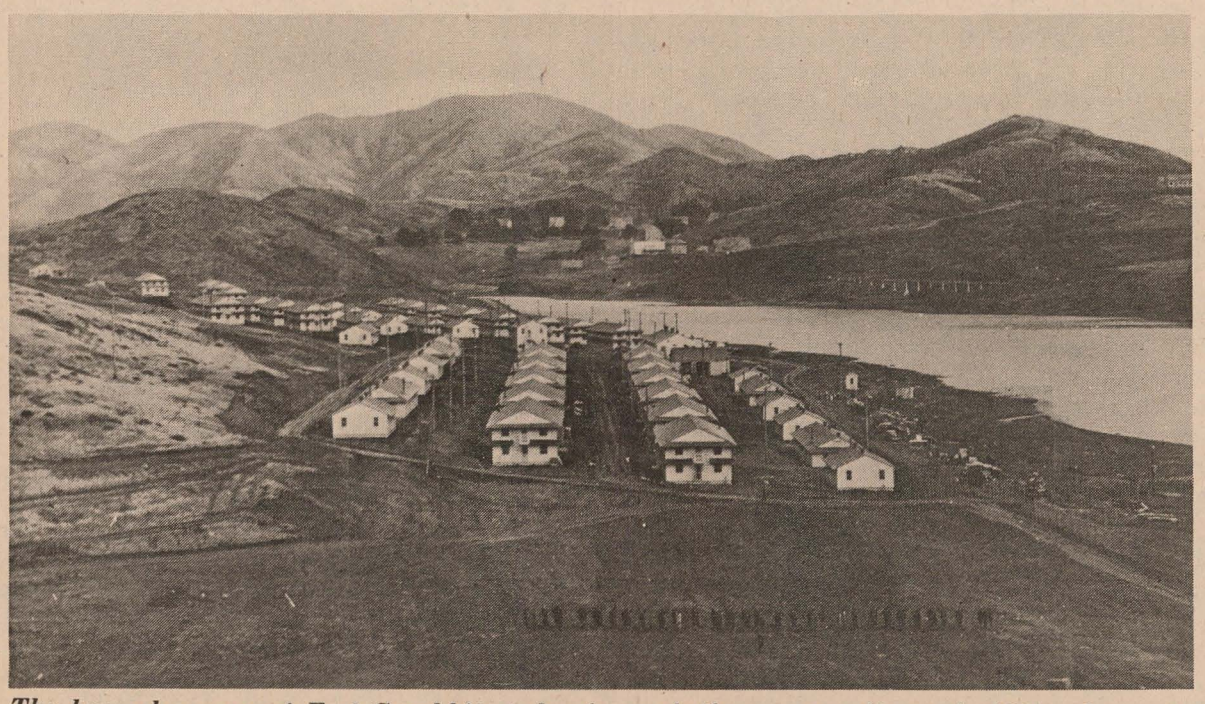
Conzelman Road winds up and across the face of the Marin bluffs and is the only route open to hikers and cyblists. Motorists who opt for this route on a clear day are rewarded with a spectacular view of the City and Bay. There are several vista points with parking. Veer right at the first fork onto McCullough Road. This drops into a pass, winding down a steep grade to the Cape Hart housing and Bunker Road, the main thoroughfare through the valley to Rodeo Beach.

On fog-free days the Park Service opens the gate at the fork, allowing one-way (westbound) traffic to continue along Conzelman almost to Point Bonita. Several batteries are accessible from this raod, completed during WWII to link Fort Barry with Fort Baker, five miles to the east.

The **Baker-Barry-Cronkhite tunnel,** just west of the Sausalito Lateral, welcomes patient motorists. Traffic through the one-way tunnel is controlled by a six-minute red light, followed by a two-minute green light. Nearly a half-mile long, the tunnel was considered the most ambitious engineering feat accomplished in the Marin headlands when it was completed in 1918.

Seeing the valley unfold on the other side of the tunnel is an experience akin to discovering a lost world. Gentle hills cradle the fields. Quail dart across the road. Anise plants sway in the breeze, the licorice-sweet fragrance drifting through the mist.

And civilization is just a Golden Gate Bridge away.



The barracks scene at Fort Cronkhite **today is much the same as it was in 1941, when this photo was taken. Rodeo Lagoon has diminished somewhat over the years. The Golden Gate Strait is just over the peak on the right. (photo — Presidio Army Museum)**

Black History Week

Reflection on Black Soldiers

By John Langellier

The United States owes a great deal to the Black American in its national development. Unfortunately, Black heritage in this country has been hidden for far too long. To help rectify this situation, a relatively new concept known as "Black History Week" developed.

Black History Week provides all of this nation's citizens with an opportunity for reflection. Certain facts come to mind which represent fairly common knowledge. For instance, almost everyone knows that a Black Patriot was among the first to die in the "Boston Massacre" just prior to the American Revolution, but how many know that two Black battalions fought at the Battle of New Orleans with Andrew Jackson?

Indeed, many individuals do not realize that between 1861 and 1865 some 170,000 Blacks served with the Federal Army during the Civil War. These men did so with many trials.

For one thing, they received less pay than their white counterparts. This sore point caused the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers to strike for equal wages. Further, Black troops usually drew menial duties or rear echelon assignments, since many leaders of the time questioned their ability in combat. When they did see action, they performed heroically, often sustaining high casualities. This fact might have proved disheartening to many Black fighting men, causing them to feel like little more than "cannon fodder."

A step forward

Things did improve gradually. By the end of the Civil War, many military leaders recognized Black soldier's fighting abilities. Hundreds of Black veterans entered the six newly formed segregated regiments organized in 1866. Two of these units, the Ninth and Tenth Cavalries, achieved lasting fame as the "Buffalo Soldiers." Their dismounted counterparts also compiled notable records on the frontier. In 1869 these troops were combined into two infantry regiments, the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantries, respectively.

When the United States waded into a war with Spain, after the sinking of the Battleship Maine in 1898, these seasoned troops soon found themselves in Cuba. On the morning of July 1, 1898, orders came to assault the village of El Caney, on the lower ridges of San Juan Hill. Spanish blockhouses and trenchworks honeycombed the area. Murderous fire from entrenched defenders halted the First Volunteer Cavalry (Teddy Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders") in their tracks.

Just as the situation became critical, troops from the Ninth and Tenth Cavalries arrived on a dead run. Digging in at a nearby thicket of woods, they started to return the enemy fire. Then they advanced. This prompted an eyewitness to comment, ". . . Their aim was plendid. Their coolness was superb and their courage aroused the admiration of their comrades." First Volunteer Cavalry corporal summarized it another way: "If it hadn't been for the Black Cavalry, the Rough Riders would have been exterminated."

Later, the 25th Infantry arrived on the scene, ultimately helping to knock out enemy defenses. Next day they continued on the San Juan Hill itself. Frank Knox (later the Secretary of the Navy under FDR) recalled the assault, "I became separated from my unit, but joined a troop of the 10th Cavalry, and for a time fought with them shoulder to shoulder. I must say that I never saw braver men anywhere."

Heroism

This gallantry did not go unnoticed. Of the five Black soldiers who received the Medal of Honor during the Spanish-American War, four of them were at San Juan Hill.

At the end of the war with Spain, the U.S. found far-flung responsibilities from the Caribbean to the Pacific. In 1900 the 24th Infantry Regiment passed through San Francisco on their way to the Philippines. With them was a dynamic officer, Allen Allensworth, their regimental chaplain.

Born a slave in Kentucky, Allensworth displayed an exceptional drive for learning. After finding that he had taught himself to read and write, two of his slavemasters sold him, separating him from his family at an early age.

Finally, he could stand no more. Three times he attempted to escape to Canada. He succeeded on the third try and shortly thereafter signed on as a civilian nurse in the 44th Illinois Infantry. When this tour came to an end, he joined the Navy as a seaman. By the end of the war he had become a petty officer.

Discharged in 1865, he returned to Louisville where he was reunited with his mother. For a while he held a number of jobs, searching for his niche. Then his spirit found a source of strength: religion.

This conversion led to his entry into the ministry. After studies at Roger Williams University in Nashville, he became an active clergyman. During the next decade he attained prominence within his church and in local politics.

Then in the mid-1880s he applied for the vacant cahplaincy of the Twenty-fourth Infantry. In 1886 he bacme one of only six Black officers to hold Regular Army Commissions in the Nineteenth Century.

Allensworth — Historical Figure

Allenswroth embarked on a one-man program to improve the lot of the Black soldier with education as the key. He stressed practical courses, and the teaching of "the three Rs." He even opened a cooking school in his own kitchen. Additionally, he encouraged the recruitment of graduates from Black trade schools and colleges to start an "each one, teach one" program.

His zeal carried him thousands of miles as the Regiment traveled throughout the West and the Philippines. When he retired in 1906 as the highest ranking Black officer to that date, he returned to California (he had served in the Bay Area at Angel Island from 1900-1902). In civilian life he became one of the founders of the Black community which now bears his name. Today, the town of Allensworth, in the San Joaquin Valley, is a California State Park.

Anoterh officer of the times would have added to Allensworth's praises - the future General of the Armies, John J. Pershing. Pershing had spent time as a junior officer with the Tenth Cavalry, whence came the nickname "Blackjack."

His respect for Black troops no doubt increased in 1915 when the General's quarters at the Presidio went up in flames. The tragic fire claimed Pershing's wife and three daughters. Only his son Warren escaped due to the heroic actions of his enlisted aide who had remained behind while Pershing was in command long the Mexican border. This brave Black soldier rushed into the burning home to save the boy. He attempted to return for the rest of the family, but the house went up like a matchstick, preventing reentry.

Two years later, Pershing again commanded Black troops, for among the units which composed the American Expeditionary Force was the 369th Infantry Regiment. During World War I, Private Henry Johnson, of the 369th became the first American to win the Croix de Guerre, France's highest decoration for valor.

Black Americans continued to serve with distinction in the post-war years, and throughout all the conflicts of this century. Yet their bravery in arms failed to gain them equality until 1946, when President Truman ordered full integration of the services. By the mid-1950s the military had completed their integration program. While this move reflected a positive effort to rectify past injustices, it was only the beinning in the long road to complete civil rights. To this end, Black History Month provides an appropriate time for The Army, and the nation, to remember the part all Americans have played in its history.

An "Army Brat's" Diary

Surviving the Transplant Shock

by Stephanie Waite

I'm a military dependent, commonly called an "Army Brat." Although I am the daughter of an Army Colonel, there is no visible difference between me and the other teenagers who have parents without military backgrounds. I'm 18, love rock concerts, sports, am a ski-patrol candidate, and enjoy just about anything else a non-dependent teenager enjoys.

My mother is an "Army Brat" also, and I believe that she has made Army life a little easier for me and my two sisters. We are a normal family, but my father differs from most civilian fathers in that when he goes to work in the morning, he wears a uniform, and has rather unpredictable working hours. My two younger sisters are about as normal as sisters can be (which to me, sometimes, seems semi-normal).

Advantages

There are many advantages to being an Army Brat; a big one is the opportunity to meet new people. Moving every four years means an Army Brat must learn to adjust rapidly and seek out opportunities to meet new people. Meeting people now comes easy to me; I have had plenty of practice over the years! It's difficult when one becomes attached to friends that are constantly moving around, but there is always someone else moving in to help fill the gaps. Occasionally, moving into new areas presents problems, however. When my 14 year old sister and I arrived in San Francisco, we noticed that in our neighborhood there seemed to be no one our age. So, Karen and I walked around the unfamiliar housing areas in an attempt to find some. Eventually, we became well-known as "those girls who just moved in" and after four months are still referred to by that name.

Karen and I used to joke about knocking on doors and saying, "Do you have anyone my age living here?" Well, one day I did that, and now the girl who answered the door is one of my good friends. An Army Brat can't be timid!

Having a Military father

Having a father in the military is a good way to see the world. I have seen nearly every state and many parts of Europe. Recently, our family traveled from Fairfax, Virginia, by car, to the Presidio of San Francisco (where we are stationed now). We covered over 5,000 miles, and I believe we hit every tourist attraction from Snicker Gap, Virginia, to the Golden Gate.

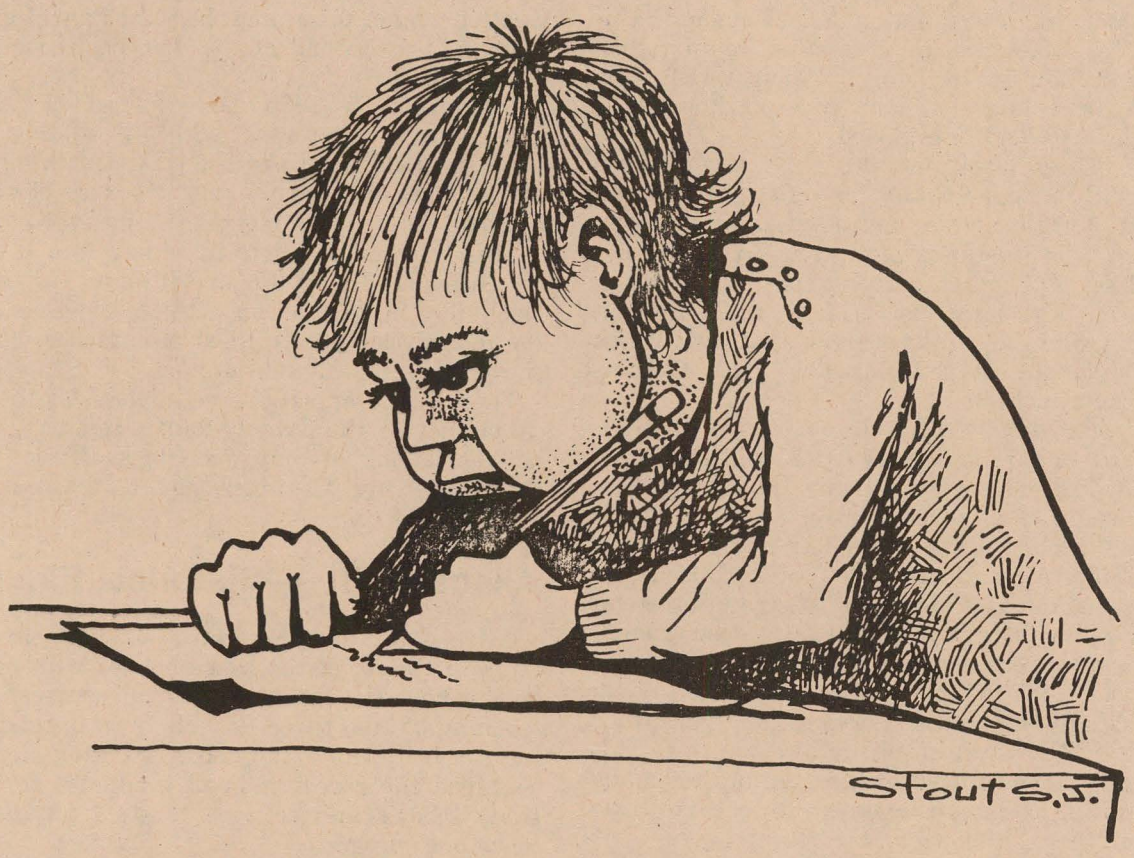
In 1970-74, my father was stationed in Mannheim, Germany. We lived on an American Army base, and I attended fourth through seventh grade in U.S. dependent schools. There were many children in our neighborhood, and we became fast friends. There was no U.S. television so we spent a lot of time out of doors. Four years without TV sounds hard to believe, but I really didn't miss it.

During the winters in Germany, we took skiing trips to Austria, Switzerland, and France. I became a real ski fanatic then. In the summer, our family would take sight-seeing trips to remote parts of France, Germany, and Italy. On the way home to the U.S., we went to England.

I feel as though I did most of my growing up in Germany and coming back to Virginia, living in the civilian community was sort of a cultural shock. On post, everything is usually within walking distance, prices are lower, and the people are generally more friendly.

When we moved, it was **my** mother who put forth the effort to make friends with the neighbors, whereas on an Amry post, the neighbors usually came to visit us.

Being a total Army football fan, around the time of the Army-Navy game, Army brats usually band together for some "Beat Navy" mischief. My best friend in Virginia and I got some "Beat Navy" stickers, and other bits of spirited paraphenalia that my father picked up from the Pentagon. Armed with some rubber cement, masking tape, and bumper stickers, we set out to promote spirit. On the street signs, we posted "Beat Navy" posters. On the cars of our neighbors, who were in the Navy and Marine Corps, we put "Go Army" bumper stickers. Down the middle of the road we wrote "Army #1" in masking tape. Well, Army lost that year, and the next day we had to clean up our signs, but having something to go all out for, such as the traditional Army-Navy game is a lot of fun.



Living all over the world gives Army Brats an understanding of many cities. I lived only 19 miles from the nation's capitol for four years, and just before that, we lived in the suburbs of Mannheim, Germany, and visited Paris, Rome, and London. Now I'm living within walking distance of the great city of San Francisco and can see the city from my bedroom windows. I must admit that traveling is impressive.

Disadvantages

With the advantages, there are also definite disadvantages. I suppose one of the most prominent is the gypsy feeling of "rootlessness" from constantly moving around, changing schools, and having no permanent place to call "home." As an example, when I was in the eighth grade, in a non-Army school, someone asked me where I was from. What could I say? I was bron in Georgia, moved to California, then to Kansas, on to Virginia, from there to Germany, then back to Virginia? Exactly.

I've attended four different schools since the seventh grade, and find it difficult to adjust to the different teaching mtheods and grading scales. Attitudes are sometimes difficult. Coming from Virginia where I attended a large public school, to a much smaller private school, I hear things like "Army Brats go home." "Dependent kids are stuck-up," etc. as I walk down the halls. Why? I really don't know. It may be that the six of us in the school, who are dependents, have done so much more than the others that there is jealousy at work.

I guess that's the primary thing that I find hard to get used to. Someday I'll find out what it is that makes them feel that way.

In Germany I found that some Germans didn't like the American children in our area. I remember being chased through a shopping mall by a group of German children, just after we sat down next to them on the same bench. I said, "hello" in halting German, the girld stood up and made a movement to hit me with her ice-cream cone. Like a typical fifth grader, I ran off throught the mall while my two American friends tried to make peace with the other German children.

Another disadvantage of living overseas is the language barrier. I don't believe that the German shopkeepers enjoyed having American children around. The American children from the Army post seemed to have a poor reputation with the German community.

I think the U.S. dependent schools in Mannheim had much to be desired. I recall that Germany was a place where you learned to survive the "tough kids" more than coping with academics. That may have been a source of our difficulties.

Another disadvantage to Army life is moving and packing. When you get to your destination and unpack your furniture, you often discover that your best vase has arrived in bits, that your couch legs are smashed, candle sticks broken, boxes lost, and mattresses are folded in half and stuffed in boxes. On the other extreme, I was helping some friends unpack, and the packers had wrapped (with the utmost care) (six times) a box of tooth picks.

At PSF

We arrived in San Francisco, and whilst unpacking our kitchen goods, I found: (1) open jar of peanut butter; (2) taco shells (cook 'em yourself kind), and a very shriveled carrot. A friend in Germany stopped a packer (at the last moment) from wrapping up a full pitcher of orange juice.

As for the P.X., even though the prices are good, you cannot buy clothing without finding 17 other people wearing the same thing. You have what is called the "P.X." original syndrome.

On the miscellaneous side of Army life, we have some very good friends repeatedly turn up where we are.

You keep running into old friends in the Army, A friend of mine and I were flipping through a photo album of hers, and I saw two people I had known previously, and she told me they were her cousins.

My father's duties have given me some influence in choosing my career. No, I don't plan on going into the military, but am interested in going into Public Affairs. Although I didn't choose the role as an Army Brat, it's been an experience worth remembering. Obviously, there are times when I feel like I hate being a "military dependent," but those come rarely. When I really think about it, I wonder if I would have had the opportunities I've had, and have met the many people I've met, if my father were not in the service. I'm not sure that I could get used to living in one place all of my life.

The trouble with having too many "roots" is that you become "pot-bound," however, if you can survive the "transplant shock" life as an Army Brat can be enjoyable. I have been fortunate in having a father in the service and am proud to be called an "Army Brat."

(Editor's Note — next week the Star Presidian will present another biography. This time it will be by Donna Sims)

SPORTS

by Bob Gascon

Tennis team offers tennis enjoyment

The following items were recommended and received major approval and will take place in the next three months.

CHALLENGE LADDERS — Eight ladders will be finalized and posted at the main gym by Feb. 28. Singles ladders will be maintained by the Team Captain for women's A, B, and C; men's A, B, and C; mixed (open); and 18 years and under (open). Club members must indicate their rating (A, B, or C) and desire to be on a mixed ladder or desire not to be included on any ladder to the Team Captain before Feb. 27, 2979. Ladders will be formed and rules will be published and posted Feb. 28. A telephonic canvas of all members will be conducted in the next two week period to request each member's rating and ladder desires. Personnel not contacted should telephone Team Captain, B.J. Rasmussen (929-9155) prior to Feb. 27.

Until we have a club house all tennis ladders and tennis schedules will be posted in the main gym. If you have any questions, we request that you contact the appropriate officer below.

President - Bentley Hill - 561-3536 (private lessons)

Secretary - Dee Houck - 561-3820 (lessons, membership information)

Treasurer - Bea Carpenter - 561-2614

Team Captains - Lynn & B.J. Rasmussen - 929-9155

Membership Chairman - Jack Bryant - 561-2810 (membership)

Social Director - Ralph & Kriss Cruishank - 561-2854 (Social Activities)

Aquarius Swim Team triumphs in meet

The Aquarius Swim Team accumulated 176 points to come in a strong second in the Feb. 4 Tri Meet with the Seahawks of Napa (190 points) and the Stingrays of Rohnert Part (118 points). This is the first time that the 52 member Aquarius team has come so close to catching Napa, a team of 200 members.

Some of the place winners for Aquarius were as follows:

Backstroke
Brian Russo 3rd
Margie Moore 2nd
Ken Smith 1st
Mike Trenker 2nd
Sara Adams 1st

Breaststroke
Mark Russo 3rd
Donna Hibbs 3rd
R. Haas 3rd
Delia Rivera 3rd
B. Rainaldo 2nd
Pat Flannery 1st
Robin Wicks 1st

Butterfly
Nick Russo 3rd
B. Rainaldo 3rd
Bianca Trenker 3rd
Mark Russo 3rd
Lynda Boland 3rd
Polly Slisz 2nd
Robin Wicks 1st

Freestyle
Denise Tietze 1st
Cory Eazer 2nd
Sara Adams 1st

Relays
400 yard Medley Reley

10 and Under
2nd - Williams, Rainaldo, N. Russo, Trabal (Boys)
2nd - Lafayette, Wicks, Trenker, Bell (Girls)

11 - 12
2nd - B. Russo, M. Russo, Schnieder, Gonzalez (Boys)
1st - Tietze, Hibbs, Slisz, Moore (Girls)

Senior
1st - Smith, Trenker, Eazer, Haas (Boys)
1st - J. Adams, Rivera, S. Adams, Havis (Girls)
Mixed 400 yard Freestyle Relay

10 and Under
1st - Flannery, Rainaldo, Wicks, Trenker
2nd - Trabal, Lafayette, Bell, N. Russo

11 - 12
2nd - Slisz, Tietze, M. Russo, B. Russo

Senior
2nd - Haas, Eazer, S. Adams, Havis

Intramural Basketball

LAMC #3 (11-1) 62 - HQ 6A (11-1) 58

Sparked by Jim Oxley and Dick Odom, the professional staff of LAMC ran their winning streak to 11 in a row in the Fort Scott League by handing HQ 6A their first loss of the season 62 to 58. Jim Oxley scored 16 of his 23 points in the first half and then acted as the play-maker when Dick Odom took charge, scoring 17 of his 23 points in the second half, to help the professional staff of LAMC avenge their only loss when HQ 6A defeated LAMC #3 57 to 50 in the opening game of the season. Both teams are now tied in the league standings with identical 11 wins, 1 loss record, necessitating a play-off game to determine the Fort Scott League Championship.

USACC 53 - DENTAC 41

USACC: Easley 10, Black 12, Brooks 9, Harris 6, Ethridge 4, Ross 2, Cabe 6, Rush 4.

DENTAC: Harding 4, Macklin 11, Brulotte 12, Jordan 4, Mitchell 7, Arnette 2, Gross 1.

HQ 6A 62 - USACC 49

HQ 6A: Brooks 17, Clipper 12, Thompson 18, Canna 9, Tyndall 4, Ament 2.

USACC: Cabe 13, Brooks 7, Black 13, Easley 8, Speight 4, Ross 2, Hammer 2.

LAMC #3 75 - LAIR #2 44

LAMC #3: Stark 4, Krouse 8, Willis 11, Lapina 17, Oxley 16, Odom 19

LAIR #2: Duppstadt 13, Chapman 8, Guerro 9, Rasche 10, Fuss 6.

16th AG 42 - PHS 30

16th AG: Wood 2, Jacobs 6, Robinson 4, Fifield 2, Frank 6, Garland 2, Thomas 20

PHS: Krushat 2, Malvig 14, Raisch 2, Olliverre 2, Jones 6, Haynes 4.

INSCOM 56 - DENTAC 41

INSCOME: McCauley 2, Flanagan 10, Hatten 30, Boyer 12, Beard 2

DENTAC: Macklin 19, Brulotte 13, Stevens 8, Gross 2.

16th AG 69 - DENTAC 46

DENTAC: Harding 5, Macklin 24, Gross 6, Brulotte 9, Mitchell 2

16th AG: Perry 31, Frank 6, Fifield 4, Jacobs 20, Garland 4, Robinson 4.

HQ Co, USAG and LAIR were added to the play-off Championship Tournament along with the champions and runners-up of the Fort Scott and Presidio Leagues for a total of six teams, thus necessitating a change in scheduling. Revised tournament games are as follows:

Game 1	6 p.m.	9 Feb. Gym 2
Game 2	7:15 p.m.	9 Feb Gym 2
Game 3	6 p.m.	12 Feb. Gym 1
Game 4	7:15 p.m.	12 Feb. Gym 1
Game 5	6 p.m.	13 Feb. Gym 2
Game 6	7:15 p.m.	13 Feb. Gym 2
Game 7	6 p.m.	14 Feb. Gym 1
Game 8	7:15 p.m.	14 Feb. Gym 1
Game 9	6 p.m.	15 Feb. Gym 1
Game 10	6 p.m.	20 Feb. Gym 1
Game 11	7:45 p.m.	20 Feb. (If nec.)

Basketball

PRESIDIO MEN'S TEAM DEFEATS FORT ORD 104 - 103

A young Presidio team, playing only five games together, preparing for the FORSCOM Championship, took on the Fort Ord Warriors, defending FORSCOM Western Region Men's Basketball champions, and needed an underhanded forty-five foot shot with no time left on the clock to upset a team that will be the favorite once again in the FORSCOM Tournament.

Trailing by two points at half time, 51 to 49, the Presidio Team battled uphill all the way until the final seconds of the game when Rodgers, 864th Engineers, intercepted a pass and let it loose underhanded from near mid-court as time expired and ripped the net for two points and Presidio's biggest win of the season.

Jacob Wilson and Rodgers, both of the 864th Engineers, paved the way for Presidio, scoring 27 and 22 points respectively. Other Presidio standouts included Diekard, HQ Co, USAG, 19 points; Dwayne Gibson, LAMC, 8 points; Charles Hamilton, 864th Engineers, 8 points; and Bobby Washington, HQ Co USAG, 7 points.

Presidio's coach, Capt. O.B. McCane is still looking for that big man to halep Jacob Wilson hit the boards to balance his very fast and aggressive team. The team will depart for Fort Ord and the FORSCOM in late February.

All Army Roundball

ALL-ARMY TEAM GAINS BERTH IN MANTECA TOURNAMENT

The defending champions, All-Army Basketball Team blew out their opponents in the first three minutes of play, 20 to 4, and then coasted to an easy 112 - 76 victory over Johnson's B & Q, at Manteca. Playing everyone on his twelve man roster throughout the game to hold down the scoring, Coach Fischer indicated that this team is one of the finest he has ever coached in 20 years as the All-Army Coach.

Ft. Sill's Larry Rogers and Presidio's Pierre Russell, by way of the 864th Engineers, led the scoring attack with 26 and 23 points respectively. The All-Army Team will play "Sugar Hill" at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, with the finals scheduled at 4 p.m. on Sunday at East Union High School at Manteca.

Fun run race

All distance runners on post are invited to the next monthly Fun Run Race, scheduled for Wednesday, February 21 at noon. Start/Finish is at Gym 1, Bldg. 1152, behind LAMC. This month's distance will be 3 miles over a flat and fast course. Each finisher will receive his/her time as they cross the finish line. So come and meet your fellow runners and enjoy a nice run. Advice on running is offered free by resident expert Bob Darling. See you there.

Intramural Volleyball

The Spring Sports Program gets underway with Intramural Volleyball. This quick-reaction game is geared to be played by all on the intramural level. Units should be preparing their respective teams by calling Bob Darling, ext. 4120/5032, for scheduling of practices at the gyms. The season gets underway on or about February 26. Entries are due at the Sports Branch, RSD, Bldg. #63, NLT February 16. A clinic for officials, coaches and players is scheduled for February 15 at Gym 2, Bldg. 1152, (behind LAMC).

Bowling

Irving Pickering 189 - 201 - 247 = 637 Series

F. LEADERS IN POST ROLL-OFF (6 games)

Mel Clifford	1163
Don Carpenter	1142
Dennis Werne	1089
John Reckner	1077
Dana Smith	1068

News notes

PSF hosts arson seminar

Senator William Campbell, California Senate minority floor leader, will speak on "The Legislature's War on Arson" during the luncheon program of an all-day arson seminar for insurance officials and arson investigators on Friday, February 16, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Senator Campbell, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Fire Services and a leading advocate of anti-arson legislation, will head a list of spokesmen for a majority of the top agencies and organizations in the fight against arson in California and the nation. Many of the spokesmen are nationally known authorities in their fields.

The seminar, "Take the Profit Out of Arson," will be held in the main post theater at the Presidio of San Francisco and the luncheon program in the Officers' Club. It is being sponsored by the Insurance Information Institute and the Presidio Fire Department, and is being conducted in cooperation with the San Francisco Arson Task Force and the National Fire Academy of the U.S. Fire Administration.

Serving on five panels, eighteen experts will make presentations and answer questions of the more than 200 officials at the seminar. The seminar starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. The luncheon program begins at 11:50 a.m.

"In the morning experts will offer the latest information on the anti-arson efforts of federal programs, national insurance trade associations and California agencies and organizations," said Joseph Sahespeare, seminar general chairman and moderator of the panel discussion.

"During afternoon panels the experts will cover the legal and technical nuts and bolts of arson prevention, investigation and prosecution," said Shakesspeare, who is also general manager of Aetna Life & Casualty in San Francisco.

Presentations will be made on the activities of the following agencies or organizations in their respective panels:

Panel I — federal agencies — U.S. Fire Administration, Organized Crime Strike Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco.

Panel II — national insurance organizations — Insurance All-Industry Committee on Arson Control, the Property Insurance Loss Register and the Insurance Crime Prevention Institute.

Panel III — California entities and groups — San Francisco Arson Task Force, State Fire Marshal's Office, California District Attorneys Association, California Conference of Arson Investigators, California Department of Forestry, the California Arson Prevention Committee and WeTip.

Panel IV — legal considerations — San Francisco District Attorney's office and the law firm of Thornton, Taylor and Downs.

Panel V — loss control and claims investigation — loss control and claims departments from Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies and the Bureau of Fire Investigation (arson squad) of the San Francisco Fire Department.

Viet-veterans offered jobs

If you're a Vietnam-era Veteran, you may be immediately eligible for a US Civil Service position. This means you'd be working for the federal government in a civilian capacity.

There are various types of openings available at Army activities located at the Presidio, including clerical, administrative, medical and blue collar positions. President Carter recently signed into law a provision extending and liberalizing existing Veterans' Readjustment Appointment (VRA) authority. This law, Public Law 95-520, dated October 26, 1978, amends existing VRA authority.

In a special message to heads of all Departments and Agencies on 10 October 1978, President Carter directed Federal agencies to establish goals and timetables for implementation of the VRA Program.

This effort to use the VRA authority to its fullest potential should significantly enhance Federal employment for Vietnam-era Veterans, including disabled Veterans.

Veterans who are eligible for this type of appointment are defined as "Veterans of the Vietnam-era." They must have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and part of which occured during the Vietnam-era (Aug. 5, '64 through 7 May '75), and discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge, or were discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability if any part of such active duty was performed during the Vietnam-era. The maximum grade level of VRA appointments has been raised from GS-5 to GS-7 or equivalent.

The one year time limit for VRA appointments has been removed, and the 14 year education restriction has been removed for compensably disabled veterans and veterans discharged because of service-connected disabilities. This law is in effect until the cutoff date of September 30, 1981.

If you feel you qualify for a VRA appointement, please contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Presidio of San Francisco, building 37, phone number 561-5732. We'll be pleased to provide you with information on Veterans' Readjustment Appointments!

Miracle Worker opens

The Presidio Players' Production of "THE MIRACLE WORKER" is now playing at the Presidio Playhouse on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through February 24.

There are three remaining Dinner Theatre Shows, on Thursdays, February 15 and 22, and Sunday, February 25. Buffet dinners are served at the Presidio Officers' Club - 1/2 block from the Playhouse. Thursday dinners begin at 6 p.m., followed by the performance at the Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., with performance at 7 p.m.

Attendance at all performances is open to all personnel. The Playhouse Box Office is open from 1 - 5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances.

Tryouts for "SOUTH PACIFIC" will be held at the Playhouse on Saturday, February 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 11 from 1 - 6 p.m.; and Monday, February 12 from 6 - 10 p.m. All parts in this large cast musical are open and anyone interested is welcome to audition.

For an appointment time on one of the above dates, call 561-3992 from 1 - 5 p.m.

VA begins campaign

Washington (ARNEWS) — Veterans Administration efforts to alert Vietnam period veterans to unused GI Bill education benefits are being expanded to a nationwide campaign this year.

According to officials, the program, Operation Boost, which previously focused on 11 states where GI Bill participation rate was under 50 percent, will be extended to all 50 states. Free counseling services will be offered, said officials. In a direct mail campaign, more than one million eligible Vietnam veterans will receive new brochures and applications inviting them to use vocational and educational counseling services. The first 200,000 brochures will be mailed in February.

The 10-year limit on eligibility should be kept in mind, say officials. Current legislation provides for monthly payments of $311 to single veterans attending school full-time. Rates for part-time attendance are proportional and additional allowances are provided for dependents. Other financial aids for Vietnam period veterans include payments for tutoring, a work-study allowance and low-interest educational loans, and lengthened eligibility for disadvantaged veterans.

Movies

Presidio Theater	Schwartz/Letterman
Saturday, Feb. 10, The Billion Dollar Hobo (G) - 2 & 7 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 12, A Wedding (PG) - 7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11, Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe? (PG) - 7 p.m.	Tues., Feb. 13, The Boys from Brazil (R) - 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12 — Same as Feb. 11	Wed., Feb. 14, The Chosen (R) (RE) - 7 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 13, Rituals (R) - 7 p.m.	Thurs., Feb. 15, Bronson Lee, Champion (PG) - 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 14, The Fury (R) (RE) - 7 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 19, The Billion Dollar Hobo (G) - 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 15, Message From Space (PG) - 7 p.m.	Tues., Feb. 20, Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europs? (PG) - 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16 - Same as Feb. 15	Wed., Feb. 21, Rituals (R) - 7 p.m.
	Thurs., Feb. 22, The Fury (R) (RE) - 7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 23, Message from Space (PG) - 7 p.m.

Uniform regs rewritten

Washington (ARNEWS) — A "Complete Rewrite" of appearance and uniform regulations, effective this month, has been approved by Army Chief of Staff General Bernard W. Rogers, according to DA personnel officials.

Included in the action is a grouping of several regulations and parts of others into AR 670-1, wear and appearance of Army uniforms and insignia. Major policy changes in the revised regulations, according to officials, include specific language that reaffirms the Army's ban on handlebar mustaches and "flared" sideburns. The regulation also sets uniform policy on insignia wear for A-1 uniforms.

The Reg will authorize only black leather boots and will ban synthetic and patent leather boots, and the wear of field jackets with tan or khaki uniforms. Wear of black scarf with the black overcoat will be permitted, and women in certain units and in certain jobs will be permitted to "blouse" green pantsuit slacks when wearing combat boots. Other changes for women set skirt and dress lengths to no higher than once inch above or two inches below the center of the knee (formerly two above and one below), and allow wear of a plain-toed ankle-high boot with the green pantsuit. For men, full buttoning of the sweater is required, along with at least three-fourths zipping of men's windbreakers. Soldiers will have the option of wearing V-neck or regular T-shirts. Six changes to the Reg concern formal dress standards.

Officials say that the revised regulation will be distributed beginning next month. Army regulations affected by the rewrite and consolidation are: Chapter 5, Section VI, 600-20; 670-5; 670-6; 670-30; Chapter 10, 672-5-1; 702-2 and portions of 672-8.

Celebrate year of the ram

Two golden dragons will waltz through the streets of San Francisco Saturday night (Feb. 10) in the city's Year of the Ram parade.

Chinatown's fabulous 150-footer will provide the grand finale. Its slightly shorter predecessor has been recalled from retirement to lead it.

Bracketed between these behemoths will be illuminated floats, towering figures of China's Eight Immortals, prides of dancing lions and their jester-like teasers, a Ch'ing dynasty (1644-1912) wedding procession, giant effigies of folklore favorites, Miss Chinatown U.S.A. finalists and hundreds of costumed marchers, musicians and lantern-bearers.

The parade will start at 7 p.m. at Pine and Battery Streets. It will move south on Battery to Market, west on Market to Kearny and north on Kearny to Jackson, passing the reviewing stand in the 400 block of Kearny to Jackson, passing the reviewing stand in the 400 block of Kearny between Pine and California.

Both the line-up and the line of march are shorter than usual this year. According to parade chairman William Lee, the 43-unit procession will take slightly more than an hour to pass any point along its 14-block route.

The spectacle will go on rain or stars, Lee said. With clement weather it regularly attracts upward of 400,000 spectators.

Bleachers will be erected on both sides of Kearny Street between Pine and California. While they last, reserved grandstand seats may be purchased for $7.50 each from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 730 Sacramento Street (982-3000).

Police will begin clearing the parade route of parked cars at 4 on Saturday afternoon.

Because of the heavy traffic, parade-goers are urged to use public transportation to the parade area.

A Police Department command post will be manned in the lobby of the Holiday Inn/Financial District, 750 Kearny Street (phone 553-0123), from 6 p.m. "until the last lost child is claimed."

The parade will be telecast live on Channel 9 in a 90-minute Chinese New Year program beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Following the parade a Chinese play, "Gung Hay Fat Choy," will be presented without charge at Victory Hall, 827 Stockton Street, starting at 9.

On Sunday, the final day of the Ram Year celebration, the Chinatown Run sponsored by the Cinatown Y.M.C.A. and open to all comers will get underway at 9 a.m. at the Bush-Grant corner.

Also on Sunday schedule: festival programs featuring kung fu experts, Chinese dancers and musicians, admission-free, 2 and 8 p.m., Victory Hall.

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USACC celebrates fifteenth year

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — The U.S. Army Communications Command (ACC) will celebrate 15 years of growth March 1.

From 3,100 people in 1964 to more than 29,000, about half military and half civilian, in 1979, the command has grown in personnel, mission and sophistication. Automation has been the word as the command has worked to speed communications, improve accuracy and keep up with advances in equipment.

The ACC commander, Maj. Gen. Gerd S. Grombacher, controls an annual budget of nearly $800 million.

Probably the most obvious service provided by the command, either by military equipment and personnel or by contract, is virtually all of the telephone service for the Army.

Another important mission is the provision for message and data traffic around the world.

ACC services vary from television reception and distribution in Europe, the Far East and isolated sites in other areas to worldwide air traffic control and navigational aids responsibilities.

ACC communicators are on duty in 17 countries around the world around the clock involved in operations, maintenance and development. The advances included in the Army communications network become apparent in the fact that a message can be passed around the world today in something less than three minutes.

Satellite communications, mobile contingency communications, electromagnetic compatibility and radio frequency allocation all come under the ACC mission.

The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency (DCPA) owes its contingency communications capability, including siren systems, primarily to ACC.

ACC communicators operate and maintain DCPA equipment and provide or contract for other services.

The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), a worldwide contingency radio net with a secondary morale and welfare mission, also falls under ACC.

Communications-electronics systems development and acquisition is a function of the U.S. Army Communications System Agency, a joint ACC-U.S. Army Material Development and Readiness Command function.

Installation, modification and rebuilding is a function of the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Engineering Installation Agency (CEEIA), another element of the ACC. CEEIA also develops and maintains the software for many of ACC's automated telecommunications centers.

The command's primary goal is to provide the best possible communications to its customers. In 15 years ACC has proved that outstanding communications can be provided around the world around the clock.

Voice of the Army

MARS communicates around the world

Story and photos by Don Terry

Hi Mom! **(over)**

Hi Johnny, I was just thinking about you. **(over)**

How is everything at home? **(over)**

Everything is just fine here. Has Margaret had her baby yet? **over)**

Yes, we have a little girl and she was only six pounds but the prettiest baby this side of heaven and I'm not being prejudice. **(over)**

This is how a conversation would go if you wanted to call home by using the Military Affiliate Radio System (**MARS**) located on Washington Blvd. at the Presidio.

"The mission of the MARS station is six fold," said SSgt. Robert Mackey, NCOIC, MARS Station, United States Army Communications Command Agency, Presidio, SF.

It provides Network control for the Western Army MARS area.

It provides Radio Communications Support for 6th Army and Headquarters, Presidio San Francisco.

It also provides an auxiliary means of communications for DA Civilians, and all military personnel and their dependents by sending free MARS messages and phone patches throughout the world, and auxiliary communications for military and civilian communities for disasters or other emergencies. Additionally, the station operates potential Reserve of trained Radio communications personnel for military service when needed, by promoting the study and experimentation in radio communications and electronics.

Sgt. Gertrude Elder is working **on the Command Gateway Net, and is talking with other CONUS Command Gateway Stations. Command Gateway stations are located in Texas, Kansas, Georgia, Maryland, California (PSF), Hawaii and Germany.**

It's a busy day at the Presidio **MARS Station with (left to right) Sgt. Gertrude Elder, preparing messages; Mr. Ray Mosley on the Command Gateway Net; Sgt. Joseph Hamner on the California State Net and SSgt. Robert Mackey, NCOIC, adjusting the console.**

The Presidio MARS station is also part of the California State drill and exercise net. The net is used to pass MARS messages throughout the Western United States.

The members of the California Net include: Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Alaska and Wyoming.

When we are not passing messages, said SSgt. Mackey, the net is used for training classes; for example, if a radio operator is having some trouble with one aspect of radio operation, say emergency operations, questions may be asked over the radio for discussion which can help everyone concerned."

The Presidio MARS Station is also a Command Gateway Net which passes traffic to all Net control stations. The net control stations are located in Hawaii, California (PSF), Kansas, Texas, Georgia, Maryland, and Germany.

If you would like to send a message to a friend or relative all you have to do is call the MARS station at 3486 or 5121 and given them the message in 30 words or less along with complete name, address and telephone of the person you are sending the message to. Or if you would like to call your parents you call the same number. The personnel at the MARS Station will contact the Mars station nearest your home who will call your parents and patch you through. There is a three minute time limit and you have to say "over" when you are ready for the other person to respond. The MARS Station is open on Monday's from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The personnel at MARS are on call 24 hours a day and from the 17th of December to the 3rd of January work 12 hours a day 7 days a week to provide special holiday service for the military community.

The MARS Operators MOS is 05C Radio Operators, Fixed or Tactical. They are trained in the use of Morse Code, Radio Teletype, and Voice Radio Operation and equipment.

SSgt. Mackey invites all who are interested in sending a message or in calling to contact a member of his crew — Sgt. Joseph Hamner, Assistant NCOIC, Mr. Ray Mosley, radio operator, Sgt. Angie Salsbury, Chief operator, Sgt. Gertrude Elder, Team Chief, and Sp4 Vincent Morris, operator.

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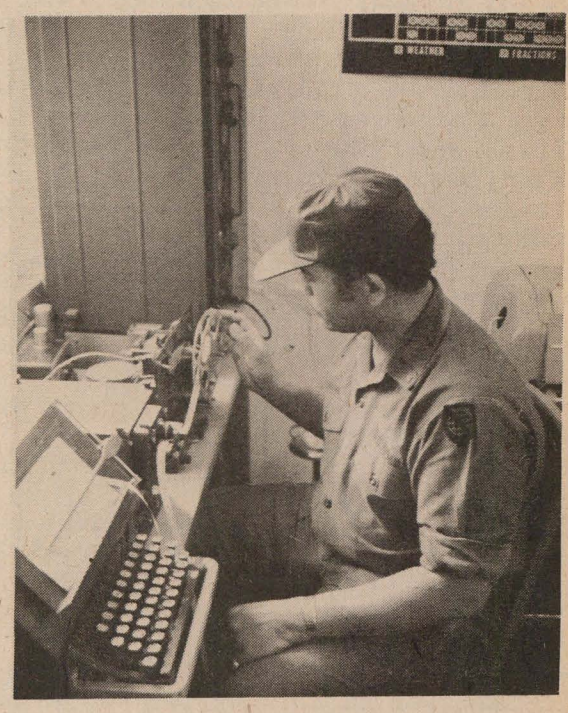


Sgt. Joseph Hamner is operating **the Morse Code Equipment preparing weekly CW broadcast to be sent to all stations in Western area.**

Chaplain's corner

by Chaplain Blue

This is the meditative season of the Christian year, when the thoughts of all lovers of Christ look forward to the Passion Week and its commemoration of the great sacrifice. As men realize once more that their hope is rooted in divine suffering, a certain instinct in them recoils from self-indulgence. For that is what Lent implies and involves if it be taken seriously and in a mood befitting it solemnity and beauty. It is a challenge to honest inner inspection and the cultivation of those disciplines of the soul without which spiritual reality may become as unreal as a mirage. The ancient saying, "The beginning of wisdom is the desire for discipline," is as true in the art of life as it is in the Life of art.

No doubt to the sleek modern man, with his worship of comfort, it may seem absurd that any mortal should forego a dinner for the sake of his soul. To me, even in its crudest aspect, it is eloquent of the fact that man does not live by bread alone. Surely any man, to whom the garden of Gethsemane is more sacred than the garden of Epicurus, must be arrested by the spectacle of millions of his fellows sitting themselves to face, even for a brief time, the duty of self-denial. Admit that Lenten forms often obscure the idea they seek to embody, and that merit is to easily attached to means rather than to ends, it is nonetheless impressive.

This is true, whatever else be false - that following Christ is a great adventure, and it means that we must take up a cross and bear it. Much as we may admire modern life, with many of the ideals of the indulgent age, there can be no compromise if we are to follow the Master. What fills me with a deep disquiet about our Christianity today, both liberal and orthodox, is that it is so harmless. It is so tame, so timid, so tepid-a kind of glorified lollipop. Even if we apply it to social questions, as we talk so much of doing, there will be little result unless it has more power in it than it has now. It behooves us to think of the reality and ministry of our religion as we look toward the passion of Him who, being rich, became poor, and was a friend of the lowly and forlorn. Lent envokes such thoughts, and it is therefore that we should keep it and wisely wisely use it, doubly so in an age when "Whirl is King" and noise is terrifying, lest as the wages of hurry we lose our souls. More than once a year we should examine the house of our heart and see what kind of spirit lives there — For that is the meaning of Lent.

Ramblin' Sam

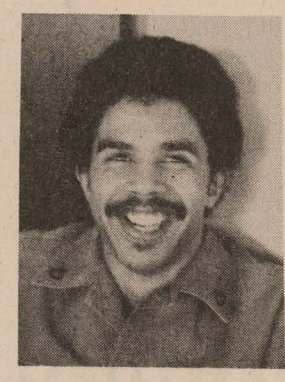
What do you think of the Star Presidian since we went eight pages in November?

SSgt. Ronald Marshall, Management NCOIC, COMPACT — "I think it is better. There is a better distribution of information. There is more room for special interest stories, and about contributions to the community."

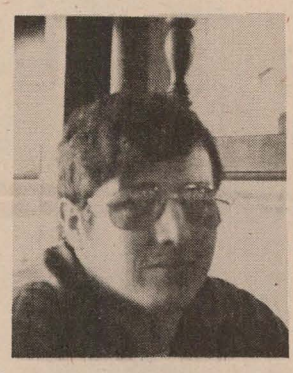
Pvt. 2 Brenda Rogers, Personnel Actions Clerk, COMPACT — "I like it. It gives me more to read. I find out what's happening here on the Presidio. The newspaper tells me a lot."

Mrs. Carol Maynard, Personnel Clerk, CPO — "I noticed the change recently. I like it. I think it looks good. I like the interviews with the people."

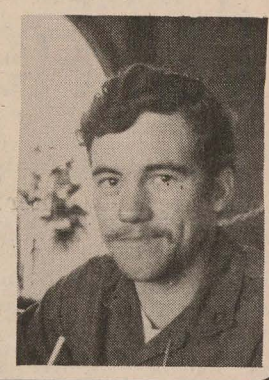
Major Clifford Tousant, Deputy Provost Marshal, 6th Army — "I think you have a fine newspaper. There are many items of local interest. The Sports coverage is excellent. I think it is one of the best post newspapers in the United States."



PFC Victor Anes, Word Order Processor, USACC — "There are more articles than you had before. I see more about the Rec Center. The paper is fine. I read it all the time; especially the Sports and the post activities."



PFC Brian Benvie, Carpenter, D. Co., 864th Engrs. — It's okay. I read some of it. Ramblin' Sam is good and so is Sports."



PFC Dan Gilmore, Carpenter, C. Co., 864th Engrs. — "The newspaper is just all right. There's not too much in it that interests me. It does let me know what's going on here though."

Crime Scene

by Mike Quinones

The crime rate goes ever upward - and burglary is the fastest-growing felony. A prowler enters someone's home every 15 seconds! Next time, it could be your home. Of the $400 million worth of goods stolen each year, only 5% is recovered. Serious crimes against the person also result from failure of people to protect their homes and families against illegal entry.

Despite all the publicity about complex and expensive electronic burglary-prevention system, the rules for protecting your home and family are really quite simple and basic. The best precautionary measures you can take involve old-fashioned common sense and good, modern locks. Let's cover the common-sense rules first. These are day-and-night, year-around precautions that will work effectively - if you use them.

DISCOURAGE BURGLARS

You can't make a house absolutely burglar-proof. But you can make entry so difficult that the prowler will go elsewhere in search of an easier victim. Burglars don't like delay, risk or noise.

Make entry difficult with:

Substantial door and window locks.

Exterior lights at night when you're home, plus inside lights when you're not.

A good watch dog (but be sure the "doggy door," if you install one, is not the way in for a burglar as well as the dog).

Make entry simple and you're easy game.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

One of the most important ways of protecting your home is to know your neighbors.

Make them fully aware of your family's living habits - who comes and goes to your house and when. Get to know theirs equally well.

When you are familiar with regular visitors, strangers in the neighborhood are easy to spot.

If you should notice a stranger who appears to be doing something out of the ordinary, call the police immediately.

WHEN YOU'RE OUT

The home with a lived-in or at-home look is a deterrent to burglars. Follow these simples rules, even when you're leaving the home for "just a couple of minutes":

Lock all outside doors and windows.

At night, leave one or more lights on in locations not visible from windows. For extended absences, there are inexpensive plug-in timers that will turn lights on and off.

Leave a radio playing, preferably turned to a talk show with volume low. This will create the impression of a conversation.

Do not leave notes indicating your absence.

Shut and lock the garage door.

Do not leave extra keys in such obvious places as the mailbox or under a flower pot.

Keep a list of serial numbers on all property such as TV's, radios, guns, stereos, etc. Photograph jewelry, silver etc. For a secure closet, install a heavy-duty deadlock on the door and use it as a "safe" room for jewelry and other valuables.

HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

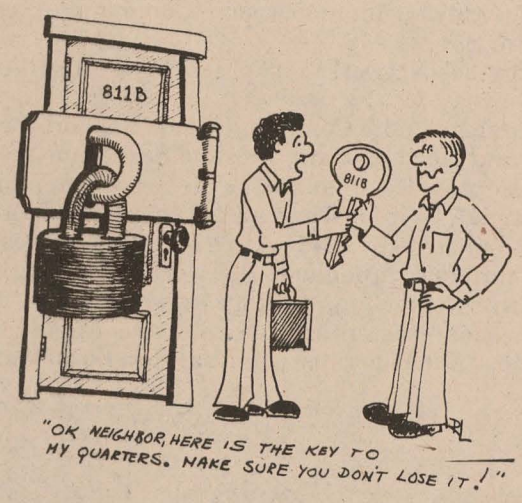
Your Military Police are always on call, ready to serve you where needed, when needed. Call them if you see, hear or suspect a crime being committed, or believe a crime will be committed in the future. Call the Military Police Desk Sergeant and tell him about it. This is the request of virtually every law enforcement officer in the nation.

Police are more interested in preventing crimes than anything else. Busy as they are, many law enforcement agencies will gladly take the time to make a security check of your home. While you cannot expect them to invest a lot of time, they will point out any serious flaws.

THE LAST WORD

You could spend thousands of dollars on an elaborate electronic security system, go shopping for a couple of hours - and return to find your home ransacked. If someone wants to break into your home, he can do it. But, if you follow the advice and precautions in the aforementioned paragraphs, the odds are greatly in your favor that a would-be prowler will bypass your home and move on to an easier target.

If you spot any stranger doing something out of the ordinary, call the Military Police at 561-2251.



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Army News notes

Announcement of Black History Essay contest winners

The Black History Week Contest sponsored by the Human Resource Development Division has announced the winners of the contest as follows:

Dependents 18 years old and under: 1st prize - Lisa Elliot, daughter of SSgt. Don Elliot, 6th Army, HRD.

Enlisted: 1st prize - Sp5 Freddica Pulliam, LAIR (DNT)

2nd prize - Sp5 Michael Rodman, USADENTAC, LAMC

Officer: 1st prize - Capt. Robert Stewart, Dept. of Pathology, LAMC

DA Civilians - 1st prize - Ms. Barbara Eckstrom, CPO

2nd prize - Ms. Edith Brown, LAMC Dermatology Clinic

All first place winners will receive a 50 dollar bond. Second place winners will receive a 25 dollar bond. Congratulations to all of you!

Rec Center has new programs

Exercise Classes are now forming at the Log Cabin. Classes will be held every Mon. and Wed. afternoon at 2 p.m. There is no charge at the Rec. Center for this course, which begins March 5. So register NOW.

A Rock and Roll show is coming to the Recreation Center (Log Cabin) starting on Wed. Nite Feb. 21 from 9 til Midnite.

The Recreation Center now has discount coupons for the 10th Recreational Vehicle and Sports Show at the Oakland Coliseum on Feb. 28 thru Mar. 4. Save 50¢. Admission is $2.00 with coupon. For any additional information call 561-2000/5420 after 2 p.m.

LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP: Only $15.00 is the cost per person for this ski trip to North Lake Tahoe. This price includes transportation, a few meals, a lift ticket, and lodging. Active duty military will have priority on this trip. To register call Harold Sanderson on 561-4324, or stop at Outdoor Recreation Office, Bldg. 92.

Officers get chance to buy 201 files

WASHINGTON ARNEWS — Paper copies of official military personnel files (OMPF) for officers will be destroyed this year unless officers act to buy them, according to MILPERCEN officials.

The "Hard" copies of the OMPF have been converted to microfiche and are no longer needed by MILPERCEN, officials say. But officers who want to keep these records for safekeeping may buy them for $2 and, if mailed, an added fee for postage. MILPERCEN officials say that the "hard" copies may be picked up in Room 5S33 of the Hoffman II Building, Alexandria, VA., if an appointment is made. Appointments may be scheduled by calling AUTOVON 221-9618/9, or commercial (202) 325-9618/9.

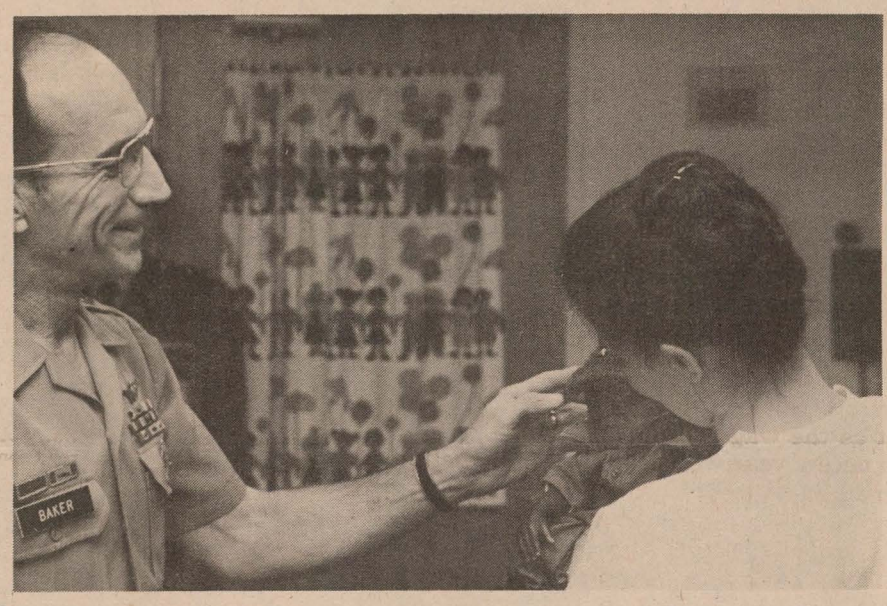
The recrods may also be requested by mail, officials say, requests must contain a statement that the paper files will not be used or sold as the OMPF. In addition, mail requests required check or money order payment, payable to "Treasurer of the United States," for the following amounts by Grade: General Officers, $6; Colonels, $5.50; Lieutenant Colonels, $4.75; Majors, $4.50; Captains, $4.25; First Lieutenants, $4; Second Lieutenants, $3; CW4 and CW3, $5 and CW2 and CW1, $4.50.

The files are scheduled for destruction, by grade, on the first day of the following months: April for Generals, Colonels and all Warrant Officers, May for Captains, July for Lieutenant Colonels and September for Majors and Lieutenants, officials said.

DAC wins high honors

Colonel John D. Hamilton, Commander, Presidio of San Francisco, presented his first Commander's Award for Civilian Service to Ms. Linda Horwath, Supply Division, Directorate of Industrial Operations. The ceremony, which was held at 3:30 p.m. on January 31 in the Sixth US Army Conference Facility, was attended by approximately fifty of Ms. Horwath's co-workers and friends. The Commander's Award for Civilian Service is the second highest DA honorary award. Ms. Horwath was given this award for her initiative and skill in devising new procedures which provided accountability of receipt-issue transactions at the Troop Issue Support Activity, Supply Division

Zarist becomes General



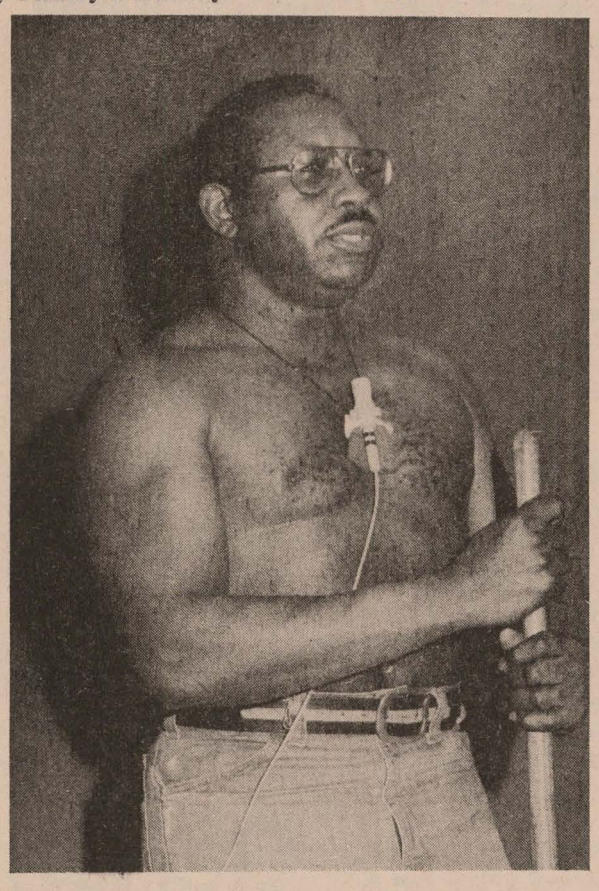
Weighing one pound and six ounces shortly after his birth at Letterman Army Medical Center, little Zarist Willis prepared to go home last week, tipping the scales at a healthy five pounds. During his 75-day stay at Letterman, Zarist thrived on the care and attention provided by his parents and by Army nurses who made a scaled-down version of an Army uniform for him to wear home.

In an early morning meeting with young Zarist the hospital commander, Brigadier General Floyd W. Baker, M.D., pinned one of his general's stars to the infant's Army cap, promoting him to the rank of honorary brigadier general. Zarist, the son of Private First Class Arturo and Michelle Willis of Fort Ord, California, was undaunted by the rapid promotion. He fell asleep during the ceremony.

The recent Presidio Girl Scout Cookie drive netted approximately $500 for the 8 Troops within the Presidio community. Darla Weitzfelder received a check from Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, Commander, Sixth US Army. Also shown in the photo are Karri Weitzfelder and Tanya Sexton at the far right. (US Army photo)

Journey through Black History

Story by Jeffery Flournoy Photos by Bill Malkiel



A slave singing "I want Jesus" was portrayed by Wallace Brown of LAMC.

On Monday, Feb. 12, a luncheon and drama was held at the Presidio Officer's Club. Some 400 guests appeared, ranging from privates to generals and also civilians.

After a satisfying lunch, the guest sat back and viewed what appeared to be the best Black History event held on this post in quite some time.

They were "journeyed" back thru time by Sgt. Diane Williams to meet influential black leaders such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Ross Tubman and Col. Charles Young. After the approximately 1 hr. long drame was over, the audience showed their approval by giving the actors a standing ovation.

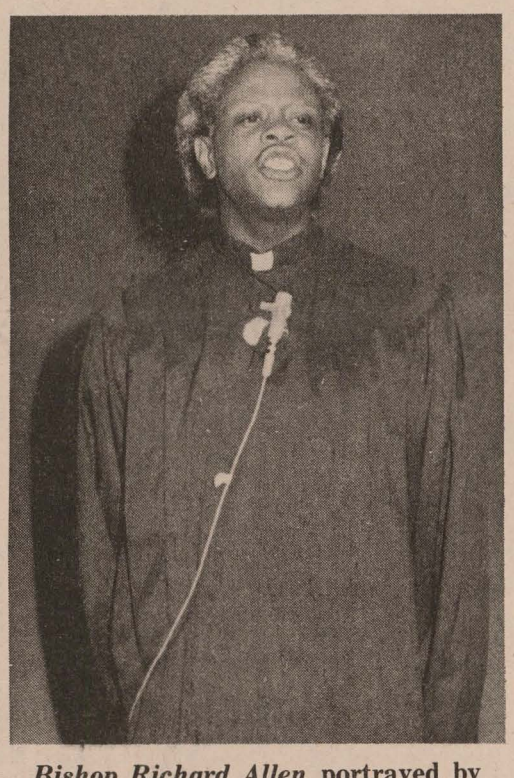
The drama was put on by a group of men and women calling themselves The Black Presidio Players. The idea of the drama was conceived and written by Sp4 Jeffery Flournoy - but the credit should not stop there. The cooperation of the characters should be credited as well.

I was unable to interview Col. William Kate Jr. who had to leave shortly after the play to comply with a TDY assignment. Col. Kate, Chief Prosthetic Dept., Dentac, was given the task of providing entertainment for the afternoon. Ms. Corita Popyon, Officer's Rec., was available for comment. "I think it was fantastic and very rewarding because the role players worked very hard in the short time they had to rehearse." Ms. Popyon worked as make-up person and assisted Col. Kate in directing.

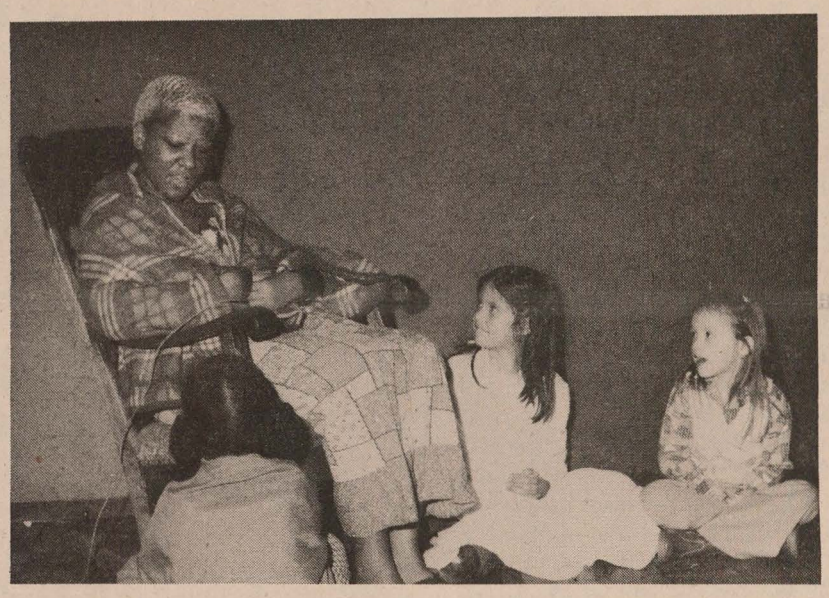
From the crowd's reaction, it was obvious that the hard work paid off. They left the Officers' Club congratulating the players on what they felt was a job well done.

Ms. Popyon closed her comments by adding, "I feel my time was not wasted in working with young people who are proud to be black, and show that 'BLACKNESS' to the community of Presidio."

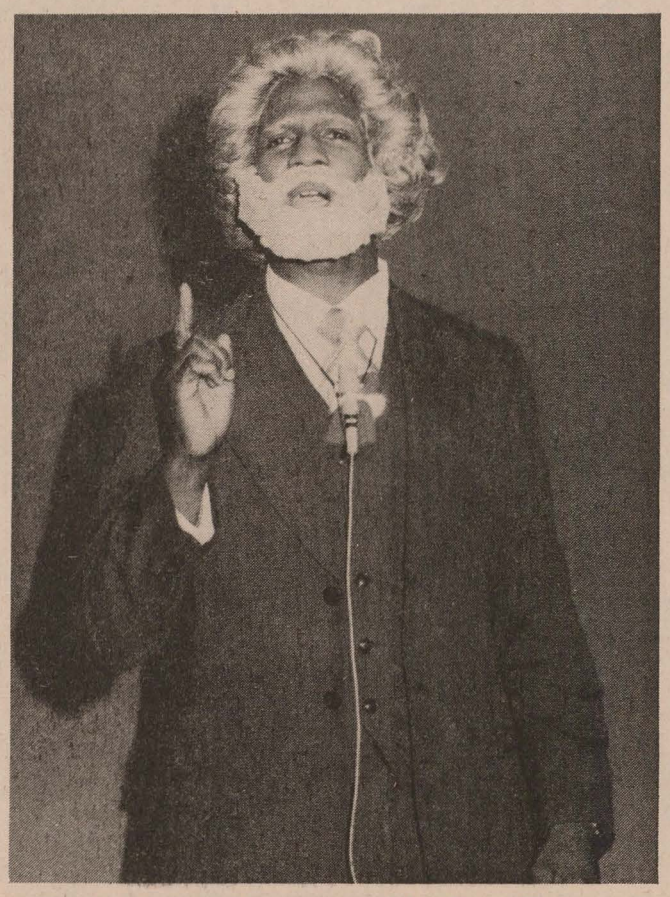
Booker T. Washington portrayed by Jeffery Flournoy of USAG.



Bishop Richard Allen portrayed by Gary Cole of USAG.



The Negro Mother was symbolically portrayed by Eloise Troutman. Looking on are Dana Sims, Caroline Breder and Allison Chadbourne.



Frederick Douglas portrayed by Tony Turner of USAG.

Harriett Tubman portrayed by Denise Demby of USAG.

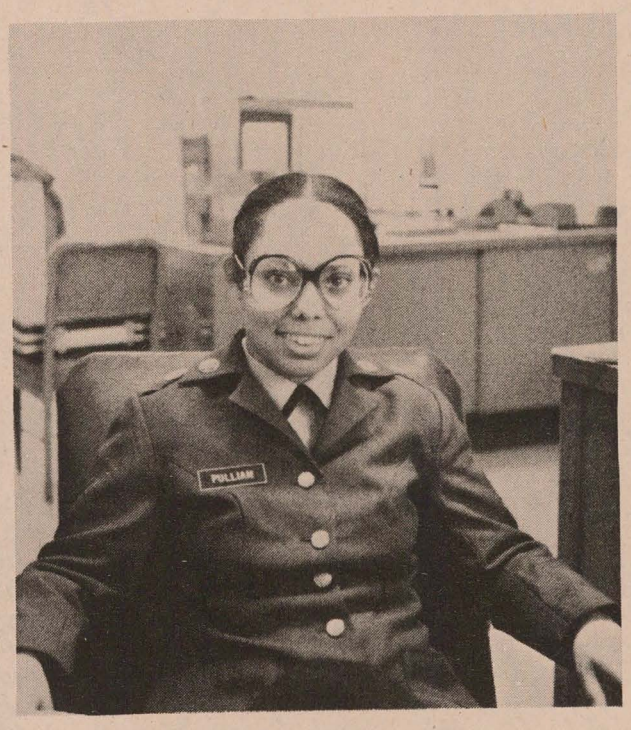
Looking beyond racial difference

by Freddica R. Pulliam

I am a Black American. I am a member of the armed forces dedicated to preserve the health of the fighting man. I am a daughter, a wife and a mother.

As an American with African desent, Black History Week means a chance for me to share with other American the great unrecognized contributions of my race. Blacks have played an integral part in the development of our nation's history. From 1492 when Pedro Nino sailed with Christopher Columbus to 1893 when Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the world's first successful open heart operation to 1950 when Ralph Bunch won the Nobel Peace Prize.

As a soldier, Black History Week gives me an opportunity to tell my fellow service members of the military exploits of Black service men. From 1770 when Crispus Attucks was killed in the Boston Massacre to the 1860's where Blacks, not being allowed to bear arms, dug trenches and foxholes during the Civil War. From 1916 when Col. Charles Young became the highest ranking graduate from West Point of his time to 1948 when President Truman issued an executive order declaring "there shall be equality of opportunity and treatment for all persons in the Armed Services without regard to race creed or color."



Freddica Pulliam

As a daughter, Black History Week gives me the opportunity to sit and reflect with my parents upon just how far we've come and in what direction we must go. I saw my father cry in 1963 when he learned that his schoolmate, Medgar Evers, was assassinated because of his work in the NAACP.

We have seen school doors opened and a Black justice sitting in the US Supreme Court. We've seen the violence of restless Black radicals and the fatherly patience of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As a wife, I've seen a chance for my husband to be proud of himself as a Black man. Human Awareness programs have given him the opportunity to be recognized as an integral contributor to our nation's development.

As a mother, I see a possible chance for my son to live in racial harmony. Perhaps, for him, the color of a person's skin will not be a determinant in the value of a person to himself and to his country.

Black History Week gives me, and others, a chance to look beyond racial differences and see human likenesses. It is a recognition of an unrecognized People, an acknowledgement of once ignored contributions. We all have the same ability to succeed and to fail. Black, White, Red, Yellow, or Brown, we all should be given the chance to attain our highest goals. It is a chance for man to span time, see his faults, concede them, and profit from them.

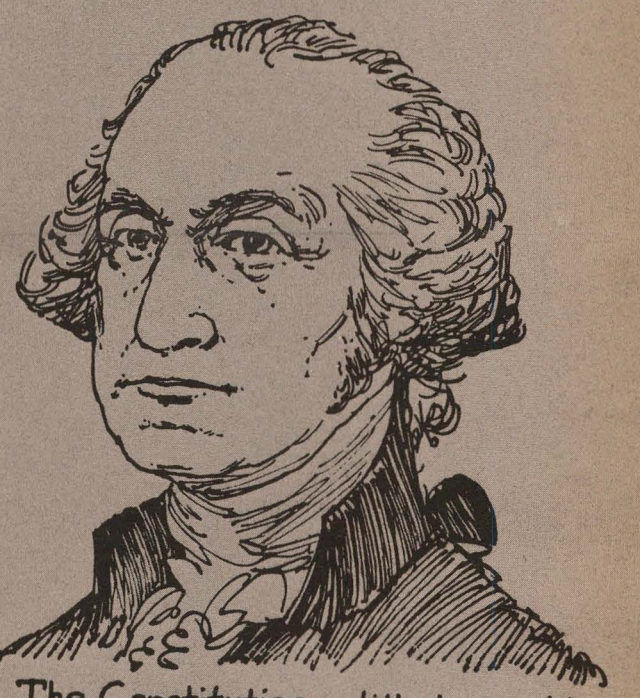
Bits of American History

FIRST BLACK FOUR STAR

The late Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. was the first and only black four star general. He was commissioned at Tuskegee Institute, AL, where he completed the Civilian Pilot Training Program and served as a civilian instructor pilot in the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program. General James was promoted to four-star rank September 1, 1975. Shortly after retiring in 1978, the general suffered a fatal heart attack.

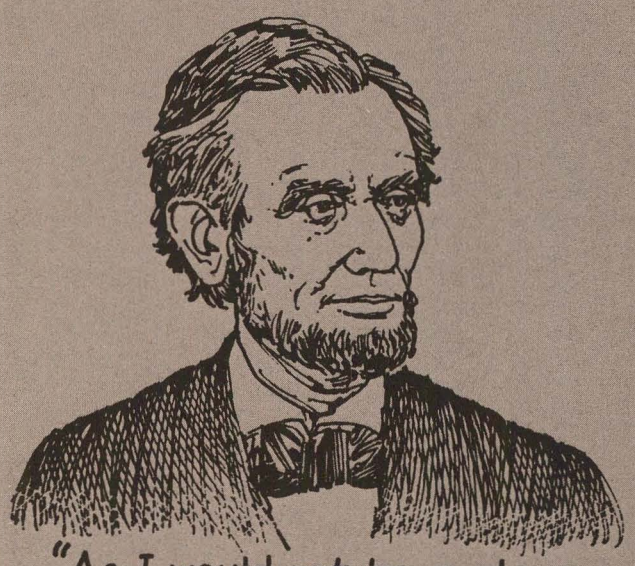
FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

George Henry Wanton, 1866-1940, was the first black recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.



FIRST MEDICAL COMMISSION

Dr. Alexander T. Augusta was the first black to be commissioned in the medical department of the U.S. Army. The event took place in 1863.



FATHER & SON - FIRST OF A KIND

Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. was the first black general. He was promoted in 1940 after rising through enlisted rank in the 9th Cavalry and receiving a commission in 1901. His son, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. became the first black Air Force general in 1954. However, in 1965, Davis, Jr. surpassed his father and became the country's first black three-star general.

NAVAL ACADEMY

John Henry Conyers, in 1872, was the first black to be admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy.

ACTIVE COMPONENT STATISTICS

There are 17 black generals in the U.S. Army. Lieutenant General Arthur J. Gregg is the highest ranking one.

The Active Component is 35.8 percent black. Officers comprise 6.4 percent; warrant officers 5.9 and enlisted personnel 23.5 percent of the Active Component strength.

From the Civil War through the Vietnam conflict, 56 medals of honor have been awarded to Afro-American soldiers. The breakdown is as follows:

Civil War - 16 awarded
12 - sergeants
1 - corporal
3 - privates
Indian Conflicts - 18 awarded
11 - sergeants
3 - corporals
3 - privates
1 - trumpeter
Spanish-American War - 5 awarded
3 - sergeants
2 - privates
WWI - none awarded
WWII - none awarded
Korean Conflict - 2 awarded
1 - sergeant
1 - private
Vietnam Conflict - 15 awarded
4 - officers
6 - sergeants
3 - specialists
2 - privates

Movies

Sat., Feb. 17, **The Cat from Outer Space (G) - 2 & 7 p.m.**
Sunday, Feb. 18, **Paradise Alley (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Monday, Feb. 19, - **Same as Feb. 18**
Tues., Feb. 20, **A Piece of the Action (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Wed., Feb. 21, **The Bees (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Thurs., Feb. 22, **Midnight Express (R) - 7 p.m.**
Friday, Feb. 23 - **Same as Feb. 22**

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Adaptability

How I survive constant travel

by Donna Sims

I was born in Ft. Dix, New Jersey, the daughter of then Second Lt. Donald R. Sims. Since I was the first child, my parents were especially crazy about me and took several hundred pictures, in addition to keeping a detailed baby's record book. Next, my father went off training somewhere, and the family moved back to New Orleans, Louisiana, home town of my mother, Marie Dumas Sims. It was here my sister, Deirdra, was born, just thirteen months after myself. Next, it was off to Germany for a three year tour. During this time Deirdra and myself attended German kindergarten because my parents questioned the competency of the Army-operated kindergarten. While in attendance at the German kindergarten, my sister and I learned how to, not only speak fluent German, but to read and write the foreign language as well. My mother recalls many times we'd come home from school conversing in German beyond her capabilities of comprehension. As a result, she'd just smile and nod her head, "yes."

In 1964 my second sister made her appearance. Since she was born in Germany, my parents felt she should have a German name. As it turned out, she was named by a German nurse. By coming into this world in Germany, Denelda has the unique opportunity to apply for dual citizenship.

While in Germany, family outings consisted typically of long drives in any direction to any foreign country in the vicinity. As a result, I had the opportunity to view most of western Eruope by the end of our tour.

Four months before returning to the States, my parents, who still couldn't sometimes understand their children, started speaking English to us in an effort to prepare us for American school. However, my sisters and myself had another idea altogether. If our parents wouldn't speak to us in German, our everyday language, we just wouldn't converse with them. If you can imagine three black girls with long pigtails in the south during the sixties speaking nothing but German . . . I'm sure my parents had many interesting days!

In American kindergarten, my sister and I were far ahead of our class. I was moved up, but my sister, Deirdra, had to stay the normal kindergarten term because she was so young (four years old).

Travel again

After our tour in Louisiana and Georgia, the family moved to El Paso, Texas. During this time, our father left for a one-year tour in Viet Nam. Since we all loved our father, this event had a significant effect on our lives. I also noticed how it affected my mother.

Her highlight of the day was when the mailman came. When there was a letter from my father, she'd rejoice and read us the messages "Daddy" sent to his "girls." When no letter came, there was sadness. Also, I remember we would all watch Walter Cronkite give reports about the fighting in Viet Nam. Later would come the daily death counts. That was the most difficult portion of the news, and I'm sure you can see why.

One event stands vivid in my memory. The phone rang, and I answered. The call was for my mother. I yelled, "Mommy, telephone" as was my custom. She told me to ask who was speaking. The man said it was long distance from Washington, D.C. So next I yelled, "Mommy, it's long distance from Washington, D.C." Immediately, my mother started crying hysterically and barely made it to the phone. I was puzzled and waited around to see what all of the commotion was about. Moments later my mother stopped crying and became somewhat angry. The man called to inform us that Daddy won a medal. She ended by telling him to "write a letter next time!"

When my father came home for vacation from the war, we traveled to Lousiana to see my grandparents. En route late at night, my father stopped to make a telephone call. A white, crazed man started shouting at my father to get off the phone, using racial slurs. As it ended up, the man pulled out a gun and shot my beloved father. The bullet lodged in his neck, dangerously close to his spinal column. Today, it's still there. Bothered by the noise of the shouting man, I awoke just in time to see my father felled by a gun. As you can well imagine, I was in a sate of hysteria.

Shock

The event made national news. How ironic for "Daddy" to go to war and risk his life for his country and then while home, get shot for being black in the south. The man received an eight-year sentence. He is free today.

After my father's second tour in Viet Nam, the family moved to Ft. Carson, Colorado. You may be wondering how I felt about every few years. I always never wanted to move to the new location, but once we were settled, I never wanted to leave. moving constantly forced me to be a friendly, outgoing person because this is what it took to acquire friendships. Colorado, however, was the hardest place to leave. We had just moved into a newly built home when the orders came to go to San Luis Obispo, California. I was heartbroken. I had many friends, went to an advanced experimental school and was generally very happy. Fifth grade was great at Patrick Henry Elementary School. I frankly didn't want to leave.

San Luis Obispo was where I spent my junior high years. I attended Laguna Jr. High School where I was very involved in the Mentally Gifted Minor Program, dramatics, (I had the lead in the school play), cheerleading, bymnastics, piano and dance.

While taking a dance mini-course in Physical Education, my teacher said I had good form. She suggested I go to a professional dance academy for instructions in classical ballet and jazz dance. After one year of intensive ballet instruction, as well as two years of jazz dance, some dancers from my school, "The Academy of Dance," San Luis Obispo, were taking a trip to San Francisco. The purpose of the trip was to audition for a chance to attend the famed San Francisco Ballet School. Every dancer was accepted including myself. So, during the summer, I went to San Francisco and attended classes. My teacher was so pleased with my progress that she recommended a scholarship for me to come back to San Francisco in the fall.

And again

During the summer, my father received orders again, only this time he had some options. We could either move to Ft. Polk, Louisiana, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, or he could take a hardship tour for a year in Korea, and afterwards move wherever he wanted to go. My father chose the latter because he wanted to get stationed at the Presidio, one of the most beautiful Army installations around.

We were to move to San Francisco at the end of the summer of my ninth grade year. After living in San Luis for four years, I was very attached to school, my friends, and my new love, dance. It was very difficult to leave.

Presently, I'm enrolled at Oceana High School in Pacifica, California, thirty minutes from San Francisco. I'm also enrolled at the San Francisco Ballet School on a scholarship. This Christmas season, I will perform in the "Nutcracker." Things have a way of working out, don't they?

Through Oceana High, I got involved in Student Government, so much to the fact that I am now the only student member of the California State Board of Education. I represent all of California's public school students, kindergarten through twelfth grade (4.7 million young people). Also, I serve on the State House Council for Children and Youth which meets every ten years in Washington, D.C. The next meeting is in 1979, the year of my graduation.

This year I received a commendation for my performance in the National Merit Honors Program. I attribute this success to my early schooling in Germany, followed up with consistently good schools throughout my career.

I attribute my success in general from the constant never-ending support of my parents. Being an Army dependent has given me the precious opportunity to grow and become educated in several different parts of the world. I feel this experience is invaluable.

Constant travel is an education in itself. It teaches you confidence, maturity, and adaptability. These three traits can be directly related to the experience of being an Army dependent. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and love my parents gave me. I only pray that I can do the same for my children.

Donna Sims

City looking for young recruits for police work

The San Francisco Police Department invites applications for:

Title: POLICE OFFICER
SALARY: $1,371 (entrance to $1,588 per month

DUTIES

Under supervision: In an assigned district, is responsible for the protection of life and property; maintenance of order, and the enforcement of laws and ordinances; patrols an assigned district or beat on foot; patrols assigned areas in radio cars; directs traffic, prepares reports on work done and unusual incidents observed; when necessary, makes arrests; handles prisoners in police department custody; issues citations; performs duty in bureaus, stations and on other matters concerning police administration and general information to the public; and performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Have a high school diploma or the equivalent.
2. Be at least 20 years of age and no candidate may be appointed before their 21st birthday.
3. Be a United States citizen at time of appointment.
4. Possess or be eligible for a California Driver's License, and have a good driving record.
5. Be in good health and physical condition.
6. Must be San Francisco resident at time of application.

Interested persons should pick up and file applications at Room 553, Police Recruitment Office, Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St., S.F. or City Hall, Room 151, S.F.

Deadline: March 9th, 1979

For further information please call: 431-6980, recruitment office.

Editor's Note — If you are still on active duty, you may apply anyway. If you are selected, the job will be held for you until ETS. Forms can be picked up at PMO.

News notes

Enlisted women statistics

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) The Army's enlisted women prefer administrative jobs but more are entering fields such as maintenance, according to DA personnel statistics. While some of the 29 career management fields (CMF) that women may enter have only been open to them for a short time, the largest numbers of women are still serving in administrative and medical jobs. Statistics as of August 1978 show that almost twice as many (32,919) of the Army's 49,647 enlisted women are serving at CONUS stations as those serving outside CONUS (16,728).

The following shows the CMF population ranking, CMF title and the actual number of enlisted women in the CMF, as of August 31:

1-Administration-13,018; 2-Medical-7,780; 3-Communications/Electronics Operations-4,963; 4-Supply and Service-4,567; 5-Food Service-3,259; 6-Transportation-2,082; 7-Mechanical Maintenance-2,126; 8-Electronic Warfare/Crypto Operations-2,056; 9-Law Enforcement-2,053; 10-Communications/Electronic Maintenance-1,101; 11-Aviation Maintenance-800; 12-Automatic Data Processing-758; 13-Military Intelligence-684; 14-Public Affairs/Audial Visual-506; 15-General Engineering-457; 16-Ammunition-406; 17-Band-331; 18-Petroleum-296; 19-Unassigned-82; 20-Recruitment and Retention-256; 21-Chemical-99; 22-Field Artillery-170; 23-Topographic Engineering-148; 24-Aviation Communications/Electronics-128; 25-Air Defense Artillery-95; 26-Air Defense Missile Maintenance-48; 27-Combat Missile Maintenance-40 and 28-Electronic Warfare/Intercept Systems Maintenance-38.

The Army's total female population in August 55,887, including 6,174 officers and 66 warrant officers.

The largest grouping for women officers is in the Army Nurse Corps, with 2,887 assigned. In Warrant Officer jobs, the largest number of women warrants was 16, assigned in Aviator MOS.

More detailed statistics are listed in the January Army Personnel Letter.

Dryspell foreseen for lower enlisted promotion schedule

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) Senior E-3's will find it easier to earn E-4 hikes after February 15, but most E-3s will find it harder, according to a new policy announced this week by MILPERCEN officials. The E-4 promotion policy is designed primarily to curb an excess of E-4's, officials said, while also avoiding "extended stagnation" for many senior E-3s. The Army ranks included almost 10,000 more E-4s than the budget ceiling allowed in December, officials said.

Then, Army strength included 185,963 E-4s while the budget ceiling authorized only 176,324, they explained. Officials say that the current 70 percent E-4 promotion restriction must be lowered to 65 percent to reduce the current overstrength and to control expected increases in E-4 strength if the 70 percent limit isn't cut. Senior E-3s, with 18 months time in grade, officials said, will be exempt from promotion restrictions if they are assigned to units that cannot promote E-3s because of the new restrictions. Officials stressed that E-3s with at least 18 months time in grade, not time in service, are eligible for the exemption.

The reason these soldiers will receive the exemption, a DA personnel official observed, is that many units with large E-4 populations and small E-3 populations are not able to promote any E-4s under current policy.

In addition, MILPERCEN officials said, soldiers in the "Stripes for Skills" Program will also be exempted from promotion restrictions. The 50 percent promotion waiver authority remains unchanged when the new policy takes effect February 16, officials commented. They added that promotion orders published on or before February 16 will also be exempted from the new restrictions. Promotions to E-4 are authorized and controlled at AIT level and specific questions on the new policy should be referred to orderly room personnel.

VA notes

If you die tomorrow, will your family be financially protected?

Before you rush out to buy $100,000 worth of life insurance, you'd better investigate the Veterans Administration's (VA) Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program.

DIC payments are available to widows, widowers, unmarried children under 18 including certain helpless children and those between 18 and 23 who are attending VA-approved schools and certain dependent parents of Active and Reserve Component personnel who die in line of duty from:

. . .an injury incurred or aggravated while on active duty, active duty for training, full-time training duty or inactive duty training, including travel to and from that duty.

. . .a disability otherwise compensable under laws administered by the VA.

Monthly payments to widows/widowers range from approximately $297 to $760 depending upon the deceased soldier's pay grade. There are additional payments for children, and special rates for sole surviving children and qualifying dependent parents.

More information on DIC is available from your nearest VA office. (FORSCOM B-6)

CPO issues info on MPP

THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RECEPTIONIST, MARY STUMP, ASKS ALL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Do you understand your Merit Placement Program? Do you know what it means to you? It means reassignments, higher grades (promotions), and extra training. Basically, it means getting ahead for you, the civil service employee. Follow the next three steps, then utilize your Merit Placement Program.

After a career or career-conditional employee has been in his/her position for 90 days, they may apply under the Merit Placement Program. As a part of this program, vacant positions are announced on Job Opportunity Bulletins which are prepared by the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office (CPO). Many vacancies are announced only one time a year on an open continuous basis. This means you can apply one time, and receive consideration for the duration of the announcement, normally one year. These include clerical, medical support and most wage grade positions. Ask your supervisor where these bulletins are posted in your work area. These bulletins are also posted in the reception office of the CPO.

Job Opportunity Bulletins contain opening and closing dates. Some are open for longer periods of time than others. If you are interested in a position (or positions) announced in a bulletin, and believe that your are qualified for it, apply before the closing date. The bulletin will state exactly what form, or forms, are required. Forms may be obtained through normal publications channels, and a supply of them is normally available in your organization.

After the closing date on the bulletin, the applicants will be rated and ranked. Which means the best qualified applicants will be considered for the job by the supervisor of the vacant position. When an applicant is selected, the vacant position is considered filled. Briefly, this is how one important aspect of your Merit Placement Program works. For further information on this program, please contact Mary at CPO, extension 5732.

Don't write bad checks

You may be gambling with a promising career.

The gamble is "kiting" or "floating" a check. These terms are used by banks to describe the act of writing checks without having enough funds to cover the amount, then rushing to the bank to make a deposit before the checks clear.

Advanced automation techniques used to speed up the process of clearing checks has made the practice a risky business, to say the least.

Check kiting could mean prosecution in a civil court or a military court martial. It could damage a military career, a stigma upon an otherwise promising individual.

The penalties for issuing checks with insufficient funds, as well as the inconvenience of not being permitted to write a check at the exchange, are important deterrents to be considered each time the pen is poised to sign a check. Additionally, a fee is charged for each returned check.

OESO seminar held

A new direction in management methods was begun on January 26 when ten people from Headquarters, Sixth Army, the Presidio of San Francisco and the 63d Army Reserve Command, Los Angeles completed the initial phase of internal consultant training. Conducted at Sixth Army Headquarters by Maj. Jeffrey Boynton, one of two Sixth Army Organizational Effectiveness Officers (OESOs) and Capt. Lewis Levy, Presidio of San Francisco OESO, the internal consultant program was designed to provide readily accessible management consultant resources to staff chiefs by training individuals already in their sections.

The first one-week segment of training was based on leadership and management development models and emphasized management theory, group process, leadership models, decision making, communication skills and conflict management. The remaining training for the intitial group of consultants will consist of 20-1/2 days of instruction spread throughout the year. One important objective of the course is to certify the present participants as facilitators, able to lead groups in learning processes they experienced during their first week of training. That goal will be reached when the internal consultants present their own 3-day courses later this spring.

US Army Forces Command originated the internal consultant program; their consultants continue to receive training and spend about 25% of their time in consultant-related work. The 6USA/PSF program differs from that program in that local personnel will devote only about 10% of their time to the same duties. Program managers believe this will be sufficient time to have positive impact without degrading the job performance of the consultants in their primary duties.

Internal consulting is another way for management to focus on the goals of the organization. The consultants work within their sections using skills acquired, and respond directly to their section chief when he or she requests their assistance in organizational problem solving. The internal consultant program is not a panacea - as a comparison, if the Inspector General is the diagnostician, and the commmander is the doctor and sometimes the surgeon, then the internal consultant is the athletic trainer, treating the cuts and bruises but operating under the assumption that the athlete (the organization) is basically healthy. The internal consultant can assist in analyzing how an organization or staff section works, and where communication gaps exist. Upon request of the section chief, the consultant can suggest ways of resolving the conflicts discovered.

The organization goals of Sixth Army, and the Army in general are currently those of retention -- from the individual soldier to the career civil service employee. The internal consultant program will, ideally, be sensitive to the subtleties of human relations that keep people in, and in so identifying those relationships make it easier to maintain an atmosphere where everyone involved in the organization will be able to work at his or her best level of performance.

The leadership and management development course will be open to volunteers again in March and April. Those interested in attending should first discuss it with their supervisors, and then call Maj. Boynton, Maj. Macaluso or Sam Fischer, (6A) Extension 3123, or Capt. Lewis Levy (PSF) at Extension 6084 for further information.

Intramural Basketball

by Bob Gascon

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL
864th Engrs 64 - LAMC #3 61

The race horses of the 864th Engineers came out running to defeat the professional staff of LAMC, 64 to 61, in one of the quarter finals of the Presidio Company Level Basketball Championship. Jacob Wilson, 864th Engrs and Jim Oxley of LAMC, put on a fine exhibition of scoring power, as both players scored from inside and outside to help their respective teams. Wilson scored 28 points for the Engineers, Jim Oxley ripped the nets for 37 points in a losing cause. Charles Hamilton contributed 18 points to the Engineer victory. The Engineers will take on HQ 6th Army in the semi-finals of the winners bracket. LAMC #1, 49 to 44, as O.B. McLane and Donald Thompson contained Dwayne Gibson in the second half, holding him to 6 points, and controlling the boards at both ends of the court. Gibson scored 19 of his 25 points in the first half. Donald Thompson provided the offensive power HQ 6th Army needed, scoring 19 points on 6 field goals and 6 free throws. HQ 6th Army will try to stop the race horses of the 864th Engineers when the two unbeaten teams go against each other in the semi-finals of the winner's bracket.

OTHER TOURNAMENT GAME RESULTS
HQ 6A 53 - LAIR 51
HQ 6A: Brooks 6, Clipper 16, Lixey 6, Thompson 19, Cannon 2, Ament 2, Williams 2.
LAIR: Peterson 16, Becket 14, Krogman 2, Smiljanic 5, Griffin 10, Harris 4.
864th Engrs 69 - USAG 58
864th Engrs: Hamilton 18, Wilson 19, Henderson 4, Rodgers 10, Robinson 9, Williams 2, Toliver 6.
USAG: Jones 8, Tonevich 14, Powell 10, Dillard 16, Washington 9, Johnson 1.
LAMC #3 53 - LAIR 50
LAMC #3: Stark 2, Lapins 23, Mead 14, Krouge 10, Willis 2, Jones 2.
LAIR: Peterson 16, Smiljanic 1, Long 2, Beckett 13, Griffin 2, Rusnick 16.
USAG 66 - LAMC #1 55
USAG: Jones 13, Tonevich 8, Powell 10, Washington 18, Lewis 13, Rapp 2, Corbett 2.
LAMC #1: Gibson 20, Longmond 14, Herring 4, Lankford 11, Taylor 2, Lucas 4.
POST CHAMPIONSHIP
Tuesday, February 20, 1979 at 6 p.m., Gym #1.

All-Army Basketball News

ALL-ARMY CAGERS CAPTURE
MANTECA'S TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Competing against some of the finest AAU teams in the State of California, the All-Army Cagers defended their Manteca Tournament of Champions crown for the second successive year, as they prepare for the Interservice Championship. In the semi-final game, played on Saturday against "Sugar Hill," from San Francisco, the Army team trailed by 10 points with less than five minutes to play. Sparked by the outstanding shooting of Ft. Sill's Larry Rogers, and the ball hawking of Germany's Harold Fox, the Army Team kept coming back and finally knotted the score 99 to 99 on a long jumper by Larry Rogers, to send the game into an overtime period.

"Sugar Hill," paced by Alan Thompson, former USF standout, and his teammates had the Army Team with their backs to the wall, as they out-scored the Army 8 to 2 in the first three minutes of play in the overtime period. Baskets by Presidio's Pierre Russell and Gary Winton cut "Sugar Hill's" lead to two. "Sugar Hill" answered back with a basket to increase their lead to four with less than a minute to play. Harold Fox kept the Army Team alive with a driving 3 point play to close the gap to 1. With 18 seconds remaining the Army Team forced a turnover to give them possession and called a time-out.

With instructions from Coach Fischer, the Army Team kept control of the ball for 15 seconds before Larry Rogers hit a long jumper from the top of the key and for the first time in the game led 112 to 111 with three seconds remaining.

"Sugar Hill" had a chance to win the game when Alan Thompson received a pass from mid-court at the base line, fired a shot that hit the rim as the buzzer sounded. Final score: All-Army 112, "Sugar Hill" 111. Ft. Sill's Larry Rogers paced the All-Army attack with 27 points. ALL-ARMY BOX SCORE: Boynton 4, Fox 15, Rogers 27, Forney 5, Rollins 7, Russell 18, Winton 16, Penn 20.

The All-Army Team will be competing in the 13th Annual Washington's Birthday Tournament at South Lake Tahoe on February 17 - 18 1979. The first game for the Army team will be on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m., followed by a game at 5 p.m. at the High School's new gym.

In the championship game against "Budweiser," it was another close encounter as the All-Army team once again was deep in the hole. This time it was another former USF stand-out, Mike Quick, leading the charge against the All-Army team with a 45 - 42 lead at half time. At the end of the third period "Budweiser" increased their lead to 16 points, 74 - 58. Sparked by the hot hands of Ft. Sill's Larry Rogers, Presidio's Al Forney and Germany's Harold Fox, the Army cagers kept creeping back to tie the score in the final period 95 to 95 with less than a minute to play.

After an exchange of possession, Army gained control of the ball with 16 seconds remaining. Coach Fischer called time for the final play, which the team worked to perfection, when Larry Rogers executed a perfect jumper from 20 feet for the margin of victory, as the buzzer sounded. Final Score: 97 to 95. Larry Rogers led all scorers with 30 points. At the conclusion of the Tournament, team and individual trophies were presented to the champions. Pierre Russell and Larry Rogers were named to the All Tournament team. Larry Rogers was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament. All-Army Championship Box Score: Fox 13, Rogers 30, Forney 12, Rollins 8, Russell 3, Winton 9, King 12, Penn 12.

Bowling

BOWLING STARS
Tony LeCroy 165 - 257 - 224 = 12 games:

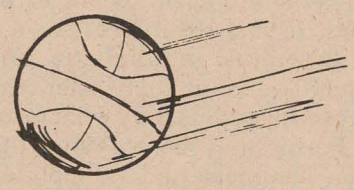
Clifford	2415
Nowak	2337
Carpenter	2335
Reckner	2267
Werne	2249

Fun run race

The next monthly Fun Run Race will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at noon, start/finish is at Gym #2, Bldg. 1152. The course will be a flat 3 miles. All runners are invited to enjoy this group run. Each finisher will receive his/her time upon completion of the race. This is an opportunity for fellow runners to share advice, meet each other and run for a time. For further information on all phases of running, please call Gym #1, Bldg. 63 or see Bob Darling.

SPORTS OFFICIALS WANTED

Excellent and enjoyable part time work as softball and baseball umpires for games at the Presidio and in the Bay Area. Pay varies from league to league, but is generally very good. First meeting and first training session will be at 5 p.m., February 16 at the Recreation Center. Positions open to men and women from age 17 and older. Please call Frank Castro after 8 p.m. to register and for further information, at 587-4111.



Refund

Refund of Automobile Insurance Premiums are being made available to thousands of military personnel, according to the Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA).

The NCOA is working with the American International Group (National Union) in trying to locate those personnel who were stationed in West Germany from 1972 through 1977 who are due refunds.

A survey indicates that only half of the eligible military personnel who were insured in West Germany ever applied for refunds. As a service to the military man the NCOA will provide assistance to those personnel due refunds. This will be done without cost or obligation to the service member regardless of rank and insurance company. For more information contact:

Overseas Refund Coordinator
NCOA International Headquarters
P.O. Box 1861
San Antonio, Texas 78297
(512) 656-2400

or

Phil Hershwiteky
175 McNear Dr.
San Rafael, Cal, 94901
(415) 457-0212

Ed Center news

MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE

This course covers the proper format for military letters, endorsements, disposition forms and memorandums. It is especially appropriate for military and civilian clerk typists working for DA. Ability to type is a prerequisite for course enrollment. Class will be held Tues thru Fri, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., Mar 6 - Apr 27. For further information call or visit the Ft. Scott Education Center, ext. 2974/4445.

SHORTHAND AND TYPING

The shorthand and typing classes will be held at the Ft. Scott Education Center Mar 6 - Apr 17. The schedule is as follows:

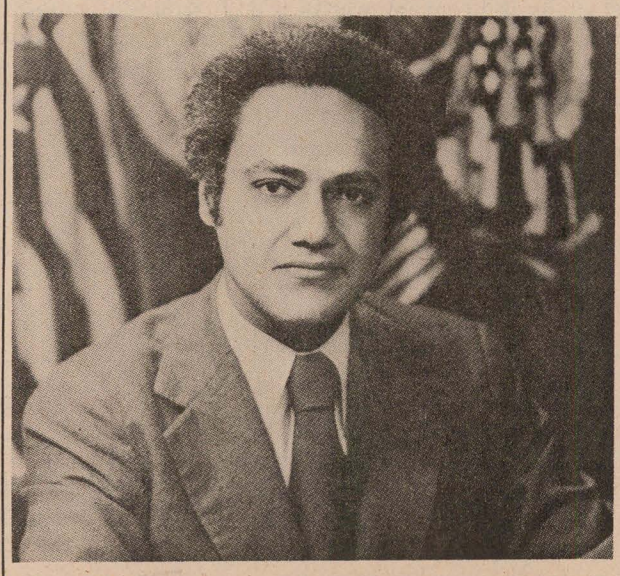
Military Correspondence
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Intermediate shorthand
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Intermediate typing
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Beginning typing
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Military, dependents, and civilians can enroll. Call the Ft. Scott Education Center 2974.4445, to reserve a place in class.

BUSINESS ENGLISH

Students who enroll in this course will study written communication skills with a view toward mastery of English as it relates to business. Students will work on business vocabulary development, spelling, and will practice writing business letters, reports, and memoranda. The course is especially appropriate for entry level office workers and clerk typists already on the job. Class will be held Tues and Thurs, 12:15 - 1:45, Mar 6 - Apr 26 at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216. Call ext. 2974/4445 to reserve a place in class.

Clifford L. Alexander



Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., became America's first Afro-American service secretary when he took office as Secretary of the Army on February 14, 1977.

A graduate of Harvard and Yale Law School, Alexander has held a variety of positions, ranging from Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan to Foreign Affairs Officer under the Kennedy Administration.

He was Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Council from 1967 through 1969, and was also Special Consultant to President Johnson on Civil Rights.

After leaving government employment in 1969, Alexander became a junior partner in the prestigious Washington law firm of Arnold & Porter. He also taught law at Howard and Georgetown universities, did television commentaries, hosted and co-produced a weekly television program and involved himself in the governmental affairs of the District of Columbia.

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Presidio Panorama

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Troop Talk

by Tom Tiernan

Troop Talk is back! We'll be comin' at ya each week with news about your friends and neighbors around the Presidio. If you know of some event in your unit which you feel should be mentioned in this column, give us a call at 561-5187.

There seems to be quite a few new faces around post and I'm among them. My wife and I just returned from 30 months in Japan — "The Land of the Rising Yen." For those of you who'd like to be reassigned to Japan, let me tell you two things. It's not as bad as you've heard, and it isn't the paradise it once was. So be prepared if Japan is where you'd like your next assignment to be.

Speaking of next assignments, Spec 4 Randy Grayson's next assignment will be in Korea. He's leaving D Company, 864th Engineers, who just got a whole crew of new faces. Joining the company are SSgt. Bobby Brice, Sergeants Lawrence Haas, Leopold Porterfield, and Carlos Taylor; Spec 5s Richard Childers and Donald Griffin; Spec 4s David Cafferata, Dinel Jacob, Craven Knotts, Robert Norton, and Kevin Regan; Pfc Edwin Sorino; and Pv2s William Hudgins and Gilbert Schafer.

Newly promoted Sgt. Jornal Miller and Spec 4 Darrell Robinson are representing D Company at the Primary Leadership Course at Fort Ord.

The company has two new sergeants this week as Enrique Cabrera and Cecil Glidden donned three stripes, while Spec 5 Thomas Crooks added an oak leaf cluster to his Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

The folks at the 163rd MP Company bid farewell this week to Sgt. Kenneth Kelley who's headed for Korea, and to SSgt. Raymondn Beaugrand whose new assignment takes him to Germany. SSgt. Beaugrand has also served as a stringer for the Star Presidian during his tour here. All of us at the Public Affairs Office send him our thanks for a job well done and our best wishes for a successful tour in Germany.

A lot is happening over at the 170th MP Company these days. The first platoon is conducting an exercise in the field and the unit has two new platoon leaders, 2nd Lts Kevin Burr and Kimberly Farr. Sgt. Mark Atterson has received his second ARCOM for meritorious service.

The 170th is losing some good friends such as SSgt. Lewis Hooker, who is hanging up his greens via the ETS route. Sgt. Mike Morris is on his way to Panama, while Spec 4 Trina Smith and Pfc Earl Morgan head for Korea, followed by Pfc Mike Stewart who's taking the "Big Bird" to Germany.

From the 16th AG Detachment, Spec 5s Esther Falkner and Robert Payton are attending the Primary Leadership Course, while seven members of the unit support the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Irwin. Leaving the 16th are Spec 5 Roger Layton and Spec 4 Carole Mullins who are ETS-ing.

Not much seems to be happening with Hq Company, USAG. But one thing is for sure, Pvt. Charles Johnson has arrived on the scene and is working at the post photo lab.

The Communications Command sent us this flash: gold has turned to silver for newly promoted 1st Lt. Jeffrey Hirota, and the eagle has landed on the sleeves of Frank Hinz and Joseph Brooks who were promoted to Spec 4.

In other events at USACC-Presidio, Sgt. Diane Williams has been awarded the ARCOM, Spec 4 Thomas Clayborn decided to stay around for three more years, and Sgt. George Rush is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Course.

For those of you who were wondering what was going on at the Provost Marshal's Office last Friday, or who have seen some folks hanging around at night, well Universal has been filming parts of an episode of its series "BJ and the Bear." Last Friday Foster Brooks joined the show's regulars during the filming in the PM office.

The word of the week is - Aloha. It is an Hawaiian word meaning "love" used as a greeting and a farewell. And it is a word which we here in the Public Affairs Office bid to Spec 4 Linda Spillane who leaves Sunday for an assignment at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. Linda has served as a reporter for the Star Presidian and a tour guide for the community relations devision. All of us wish Linda much success and lots of Aloha.

Military moves are inevitable

Sure it's a hassle. Sure movers have been known to pack ice in the tray, dirty dishes and sand-filled flower pots; and of course you would rather leave it all up to somebody else.

But you can't.

For the military family, moving is an inevitable but often not so pleasant fact of life. And the primary problem is Servicemember apathy, according to Tom Gray, traffic management specialist for Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), which is responsible for overseeing military household moves.

"The truth is," says Gray, "most people are interested enough to get involved at only two points — at the beginning when the carrier does something they don't like, and at the end when their goods don't arrive on time."

Although Uncle Sam takes a keen interest in military moves — which cost the government $743 million a year — the military family must take some responsibility. The first step, Gray says, is to contact your Installation Transportation Officer (ITO), who can counsel you about the upcoming move and answer questions before they become problems.

On the initial trip to the ITO — at least 30 days prior to your move — take several copies of your orders, know when and where you are moving, and the approximate weight of the goods to be shipped. The second step is particularly important: listen to what the ITO has to say.

"The counselor gets upset when he's trying to explain something and the guy is sitting there with glazed eyes thinking about the next place he's got to clear," says Gray. "I can't stress enough that local transportation officers do care. All they want is your attention and for you to care, too."

It's Your Move, a booklet which answers important questions about shipping your household goods, is available to all Servicemembers at local installation transportation offices. **It's Your Move** carries a Department of Defense publications number (DoD PA-13), as well as the following publication numbers for each Service: Army (DA Pam 55-2); Navy (NAVSUP PUB 380); Air Force (AFP 75-45); Marine Corps (NAVMC 2668); Coast Guard (CG 426).

Take an opportunity to speak out

"She was imbued with an urge to help women develop poise, dignity, a serious purpose and quality of character. She felt that it was necessary to develop the ability to converse and speak intelligently in order to be leaders in the home, in the community and in the nation."

This description, written in 1943, was said of Ernestine White, the first President of International Toastmistress Clubs. He feelings on achievement are still valid here at the Presidio today.

Growth and development are the names of the game at the Presidianne Toastmistress Club, as they are at the Ligisticals Club and with each of the other thousand Toastmistress Clubs scattered throughout the world.

Today, International Toastmistress Club is synonymous with achievement. The small organization so firmly planted by Ernestine White and her contemporaries in October 1938 has steadily grown into an international body, which offers a common bond of friendship to individuals in all parts of the world as they search for identity and fulfillment.

Toastmistress members also build good listening and speaking habits. In fact, this month's meetings are the culmination of a year's progress. February is the month for club level Speech Contests. The Ligisticals have already held their contest. Presidiannes are scheduled for next Weds., noon, at the Officers' Club. The general public is invited. As this is a special meeting, there will be a small charge for luncheon.

Winners from the two Presidio clubs will compete with the remaining Bay Area clubs at Fort Mason on March 17.

But public speaking is just one of the many professional skills acquired by a Toastmistress. This Saturday, for example, the council of local clubs is sponsoring a Leadership Conference at Skyline College in San Bruno. Workshops on management and leadership will be offered throughout the day with a special Toastmistress-trained guest speaker during the luncheon.

Toastmistress members also develop a good, solid working knowledge of parliamentary procedures. The regular meetings are well structured, and are a form of "learning by doing," which is fundamental to positive growth and self-confidence. This approach is one of the main reasons why interest in Toastmistress has continued to spread among women of all nations.

In countries where it was necessary, such as Japan and Greece, women obtained permission from their governments to form clubs. Many times this kind of effort represented the first time women were allowed to express opinions openly outside the confines of their own homes. Toastmistress training is credited with helping Japanese women emerge more rapidly into participation in the affairs of modern Japan.

In this country, it is easy to join. There are 17 Toastmistress Clubs in the Bay Area alone — two on the Presidio! Presidio also boasts of a Toastmasters Club on post which is open to men and women alike.

With training opportunities like those mentioned above, is it any wonder that Civilian Personnel Office awards Certificates of Training to qualified members?

The Presidiannes meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 12 o'clock sharp. For more information, call Joy at 561-2405.

Toastmistress Mary Jane Chetelat **sharpens her verbal skills at a recent Presidiannes' meeting in preparation for her participation in next week's speech contest. Ms. Chetelat, who works for the Army Communications Command here on post, is the Vice President of the club and also serves as Program Chairman.**

News notes

MILPERCEN announces enlisted can buy 201 files

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — EM in grades E-6 through E-9 can now buy paper copies of their official military personnel files (OMPF), according to MILPERCEN officials. The records for these grades have been converted to Microfiche, officials say, and unless EM want to buy the paper copies for their own files, they will be destroyed.

Paper copies of the OMPF cost $2, officials said, and soldiers can purchase the records by mail for the $2 fee plus postage. Officials say that postage rates for the following grades are: E-9, $4.25; E-8, $4; E-7, $3.75 and E-6, $3.50. Mail requests must contain a statement that the paper files will not be used or sold as the OMPF. Checks must be made payable to "Treasurer of the U.S."

Mail requests should include complete name, social security number and current return address and be addressed to: Commander, EREC, ATTN: PCRE-FP-M, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46216.

If EM don't buy their records, officials say, they will be destroyed on the first day of the month for the following grades: E-9, April; E-8, May; E-7, June and E-6, January 1980. Soldiers at FT Harrison can purchase the records at Building 1, Room 104P, and save the postage.

Letterman Wives plan trip

Have you been hunting for a special piece to enrich your home decor? Enjoy an afternoon with the Letterman Women's Club roaming through antique shops and browsing through California's most outstanding antique complex!! The March 8 luncheon will be held at Heritage Place, 44 Gough Street, San Francisco.

Lunch will be served in the Garden Room. The delivious meal will be catered by Mirabeau.

A guest speaker will join us to further our knowledge of antiques.

Hostesses for the luncheon will be from the department of Medicine.

Seating will be limited, so please make reservations soon. For reservations and information about car pooling call Judy Cannon (561-4621) or Gail Beatrice (472-2996).

USAREC looking for new exhibit touring specialists

Do you represent the Army's elite? Are you interested in traveling and meeting people? Can you help tell the Army story to America?

If you can answer yes to the above questions, you may be eligible to act as an exhibit touring specialist for the USA Recruiting Support Center.

Exhibit touring specialists transport and operate exhibits designed to support Army recruiting themes at colleges and high schools, state and county fairs, shopping malls, conventions, and other public events.

The normal tour of duty is two years with about 10 months of TDY each year.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

a. Single preferred because of extended TDY

b. Pay grade E4 thru E7, minimum time in service 2 years

c. Outstanding personal appearance and military bearing

d. Desire to meet the public

e. No record of courts-martial or Articles 15

f. Financially stable

g. High school graduate or equivalent

h. GT score - 110 or higher

j. Minimum of 18 months' retainability

j. Eligible to obtain a military driver's license

k. Not currently due for overseas tour

l. Combat or Combat Support CMF

In addition, soldiers must be volunteers, and can be male or female.

If you think you qualify, arrange for an interview with the local project officer through your unit.

Officers are being denied deferments for Staff College

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Schooling deferments for officers slated to attend any DOD Command and Staff College are being denied for virtually all officers, according to MILPERCEN officials.

That means, officials say, that officers selected to attend courses beginning this year should not expect rainchecks.

MILPERCEN officials said that deferments are being reduced and will only be granted for officers who meet "compassionate reasons" criteria outlined in AR 614-101. Deferrals for "operational reasons," they added, "will not be favorably considered unless there is "full justification based on extremely critical" requirements." Requests for operational deferments, officials said, must be submitted through an officer's chain of command and reach MILPERCEN by March.

Reducing deferments is necessary, an official said, "in order to allow equitable selection consideration for eligible officers in future years." The present high rate of deferments is causing problems in the selection process, officials said.

Officers slated to attend the various colleges this year, for example, were deferred roughly twice as often as the number of officers who attended courses on schedule. MILPERCEN statistics show that 351 officers selected for courses now in progress are original selections. Another 591 officers were deferred, figures show, meaning that 1,533 officers were chosen to fill 942 school slots. Officers whose schooling was deferred, officials said, will be slated to attend future courses, subject to revalidation.

"Each additional deferral will further aggravate the situation," an official remarked.

Citizenship may be a problem for children of certain soldiers

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY FORCES COMMAND (FORSCOM), Fort McPherson, GA — Citizenship is not automatic for children born outside the United States, even if both parents are citizens or the child is born in a U.S. military hospital. Certain other steps must be taken.

According to AR 608-3, "Naturalization and Citizenship of Military Personnel and Dependents," you must:

— obtain at least eight copies of the birth certificate if the country issues one. A certified baptismal certificate is an acceptable substitute for the birth certificate;

— register the child's birth with the appropriate U.S. consulate preferably no more than 10 days after birth;

— request a copy of Department of State Form FS 240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America"; and

— Apply for a Certificate of Citizenship (Immigration and Naturalization Form N-600) if necessary.

Any foreign-language document must have a certified English translation attached. The translator's competency must also be certified.

Parents alone have the responsibility to see that these steps are taken. If there are any questions or doubts concerning citizenship, contact your local staff judge advocate. (FORSCOM N-3)

PMO plans residential brief

CRIME PREVENTION BRIEFING: Starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 17, teams of Military Police, Investigators, CID Special Agents and Military Police Officers will be contacting residents in quarters 300 thru 700 to offer them an in-home crime prevention and security briefing. The briefing which will be supplemented by instructive pamphlets, will cover topics of importance to Presidio residents, including Operation Identification, Home Alert, and Neighborhood Watch. Residents are encouraged to ask questions and their full support is solicited to insure the program's success.

Education News

The University of Northern Colorado offers the degree of Master of Science in Business Administration with emphasis in Health Care Administration on Treasure Island.

The primary objectives of this program are as follows: to provide current health care management/administrative personnel with the knowledge and skills needed to assume broader management responsibilities; to prepare prospective health care personnel for administrative positions within the health care field.

A course of study emphasizes the principles and tools of management analysis, planning, decision-making and problem-solving, and the role of the health care institution within the health care system and within society. The courses required by the program focus on concepts rather than descriptions and provide the knowledge and skills basic to the two primary functions of health care administration and health services management.

Special program features are: enroll at any time; credit for work and training experience possible; intensive weekend seminar format for minimum interference with work or duty schedule; approved for VA benefits; the University of Northern Colorado is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The program is open to active duty military, dependents, and DOD employees.

For more information, call the UNC Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Bier, at 561-3693 (LAMC Education Center, Tuesdays, 9-1 p.m.) or 397-1079 (Treasure Island).

Fort Lewis, WA — Active duty enlisted soldiers interested in the Two-Year Army ROTC Scholarship Program have until May 1 to submit their applications for the 1979-80 school year. Winners will be announced in June.

These scholarships provide soldiers with the opportunity to obtain both a college degree and a commission through the ROTC program.

The scholarships provide full tuition, books and educational fees, plus a living allowance of up to $1,000 per year. Winners will also be paid while attending the advanced camp, normally held during the summer between the junior and senior years of college.

To compete for the scholarships, soldiers must meet the following criteria:

(a) Have served at least one year on active duty;

(b) Be under 25 years of age on June 30 of the year they're eligible for commissioning;

(c) Have received credit for at least two, but not more than two and one-half years of college;

(d) Have been accepted by a college for next fall's enrollment;

(e) Have earned a GT score of 115 or higher;

(f) Be a United States citizen.

Winners may attend any four-year college or university hosting Army ROTC or a non-host college with a cross-enrollment agreement with a nearby host school.

Scholarship winners will receive an early discharge so they can arrive on campus in time to enroll for the 1979-80 fall term. They must also enlist in the U.S. Army Reserve before enrolling in the Army ROTC Advanced Course. They are not required to attend Reserve meetings while enrolled.

After successfully completing their Military Science and baccalaureate degree requirements, these soldiers will be commissioned second lieutenants in either the Regular Army or the Army Reserve and will serve four years active duty.

Details on the Two-Year ROTC Scholarship Program for Active Duty Enlisted are contained in AR 145-1.

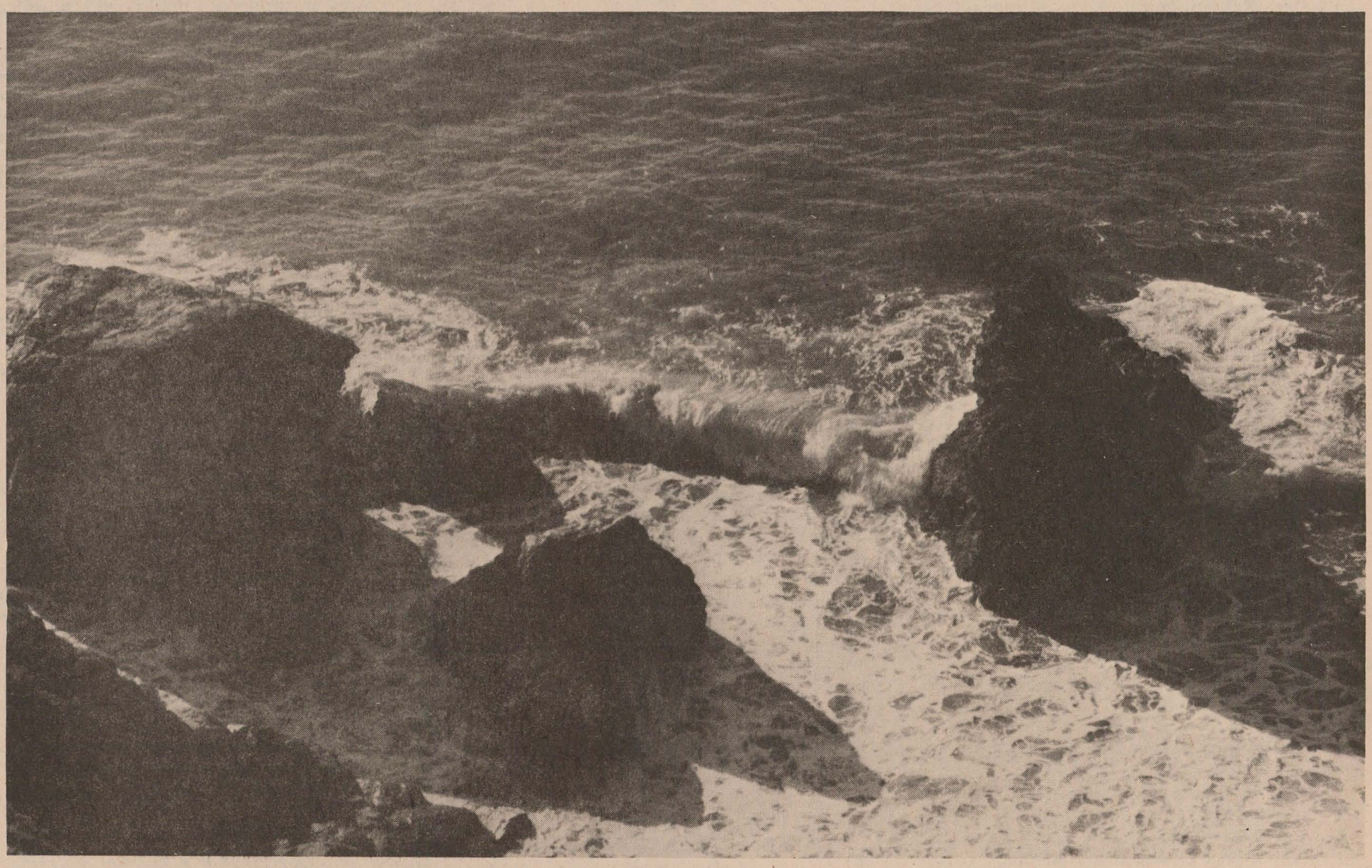
Applications must be requested by April 15, 1979; however, applicants have until May 1 to submit them.

EDITOR'S NOTE — If you are interested in this program, contact Ltc Ronald Maxson, Professor of Military Science, or Maj. Ford McCalin, or Capt. Marcia Webb at 666-6405. These individuals are assigned to the Military Science Department at the University of San Francisco. Also, you can write for the information you need at this address: PMS, University of San Francisco, 1230 Fulton St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

Presidio Panorama

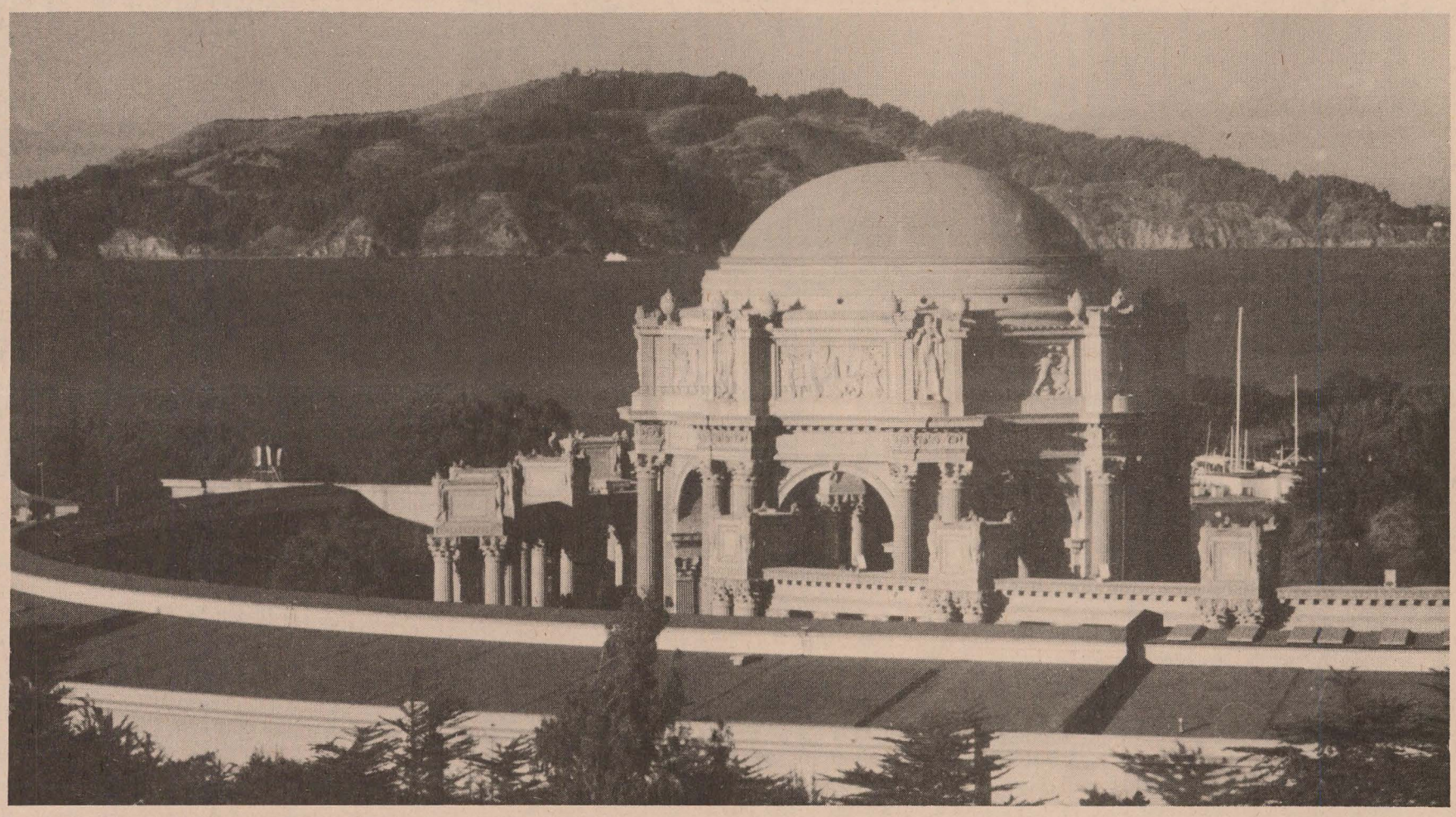
Photos by Don Terry

View of Alcatraz from Inspiration Point.



Baker Beach beckons the waves to come forth in this scene from a cliff on Lincoln Blvd.

Tropical foliage is part of this view from Presidio Drive and Arguello Boulevard



View from the LAMC tenth floor solarium.

Haze dominated this view of the Golden Gate.

PSF has an LIAC

Department of Army requires that at least one Local Incentive Awards Committee be established at each installation.

The purpose of the Local Incentive Awards Committee (LIAC) is to review all nominations for honorary awards, and cash awards of over $350; difficult or controversial cases, i.e., job related suggestions; and to assist the CPO in evaluating and planning for an effective Incentive Awards Program.

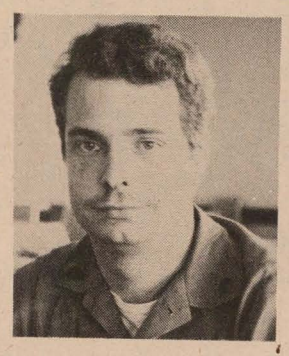
PSF is very fortunate to have 2 LIACs. The PSF LIAC membership presently consists of Mr. L.D. Bowen, Deputy DPCA, Chairman; Mr. Walter Prugh, Deputy DIO; MAJ Dave Williams, Program and Accounting, LAIR; Mr. Donald Walkter, Management and Analysis Division, Comptroller; Mrs. Elaine Newman, Supply Division, DIO; Mrs. Norine Franklin, West Region Recruiting Command; Mr. Phil Torres, AFGE representative; Mr. Maynard Ashley, Buildings and Grounds Division, DFAE; Mr. Robert Cruise, ODCSPA, HQ, Sixth US Army; Mr. Walter Jorgenson, RMO, Ligistic Control Activity; Mr. Alex Reyes, Chief, Management-Employee Relations Branch, CPO; and Mrs. Pat Capone, MER Branch, CPO who serves as Secretary, non-voting member.

Letterman Army Medical Center recently established a LIAC which consists of the following members: COL Joseph Brannock, Executive Officer, Chairman; COL Milton McDowell, Chief, Professional Services; COL Connie Slewitzke, Chief, Dept. of Nursing, COL Buckley Dreener, Chief, Logistics Division; LTC Robert Fields, Comptroller; LTC Joseph McGarry, Chief, Personnel Division; Mr. Alex Reyes, Chief, Management-Employee Relations, CPO; and Mrs. Pat Capone, Secretary, non-voting member.

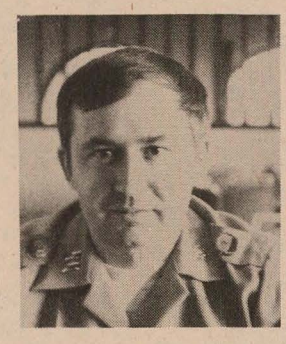
The wealth of information provided by these members allows for fair and equitable evaluation of nominations for honorary awards and suggestions which are referred to the LIAC for action. In all cases, the LIAC makes recommendations to the appropriate Commander, who has final approval authority.

Ramblin' Sam

Are you satisfied with your MOS?

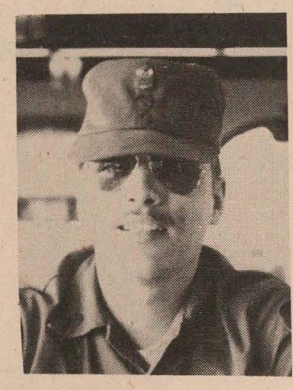


Sp5 Charles R. Rose, Publications and Forms Clerk, INSCOM — "No, I really don't care for the Army and I can't get promoted because there are too many people on the promotion list. For that reason, I am getting out of the Army."

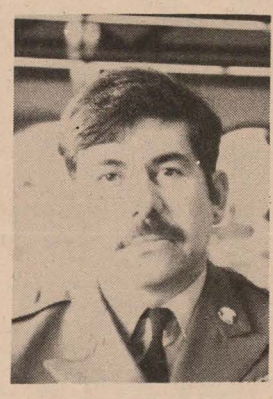


Capt. Gary Higgins, Plans and Training Officer, INSCOM — "Yes, I have had some challenging assignments. My field is getting more technical, but not so technical that a person could not keep abreast of new developments."

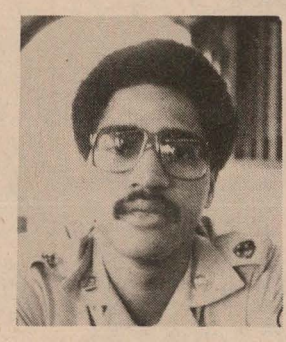
Sfc Dennis Rundle, Enlisted Advisor, Readiness Region IX — "Yes, I enjoy my work. It produces job satisfaction. I like the competition, and being in a balanced MOS offers better possibilities for promotions. Also, being a member of combat arms makes it more intriguing."



Sp5 Gordon L. Huls, Truck Driver, TMP — "Yes, because my job is not a desk job. I hate desk jobs. I enjoy driving large trucks and I feel it's really challenging."



SSgt. Armando Mendoza, DIO, Supply Specialist — "Yes, in order to be a pro, you have to like your job. I enjoy the responsibility that I have in making sure the unit is supplied with what they need to operate properly and effectively."



Sp5 Gerald Rogers, Sidpers, LAMC Personnel — "Yes, I feel that it is very gratifying to be able to help people. There is really a lot of work involved in running the Army, and I enjoy helping the people who are part of it. Everytime I help someone it is a learning experience. When individuals walk away satisfied, then I am satisfied, too. It's like an instant high."

Crime Scene

by Mike Quinones

Every 32 seconds a car is stolen somewhere in the United States. Thieves steal nearly 1 million motor vehicles a year, with nearly one in five left unlocked with the keys still in the ignition. It all adds up to a total economic loss of over $1.6 billion dollars including the value of the car and the cost of trying to find it. It is a proven fact that a large amount of auto thefts occur at night, that the thefts or break-ins occur in residential areas. If your car is stolen, the thief who drives your car is 200 times more likely to become involved in a serious accident than you would.

HOW TO GIVE A THIEF A HARD TIME

*Park in a well lighted area.

*Park with front wheels turned sharply to right or left, making it difficult for the professional thief to tow your car away.

*Close all windows, lock all doors.

*Activate any theft deterrent device you may have.

*Put packages or valuables out of sight. CB Radios, tape decks and other expensive items in full view invite theft.

*If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Retain all others. Make sure that your key number does not appear on the key you leave.

*Keep license and registration in your wallet or purse. If left in car, thieves can use these documents to sell your car if stolen, or to impersonate you when they are challenged by the police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys, titles and other identifiable material in their vehicles often return to their residence only to find that they are victims of a burglary.

LET'S PUT THE CAR THIEF OUT OF BUSINESS

Car thievery has reached such serious proportions that it cannot be curbed by law enforcement alone. Any real solution will require a cooperative effort by motorists, representatives of law enforcement, the judiciary, government, industry and citizens.

If the crime of auto theft is to be meaningfully deterred, each motorist must help to protect himself and his car against criminals. Thieves steal for profit! Eliminate the market for the product and you eliminate vehicle theft. The stolen car market flourishes because the stolen vehicle looks like a bargain and the buyer is an easy mark.

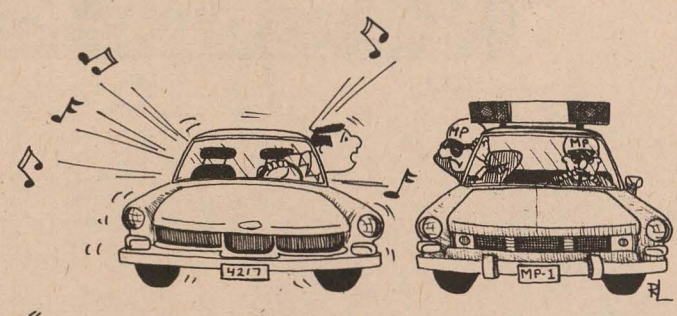
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION PAYS

Identification of stolen vehicles continues to plague car owners, police and auto insurers. Sixty years ago, dents in fenders or unusual marks or scratches were just about the only clues to ownership. One one occasion, when a policeman receovered a stolen vehicle, Ford, the police department called eight or nine Ford owners who had reported their cars stolen. One of the men said that he had placed the corner of a shoe box under the transmission plate as a washer and that it bore the words, "North Avenue" and "shoes." When the transmission plate was removed, there was the cardboard washer. Identification positive.

During the past year or so the Presidio of San Francisco has experienced the thefts of vehicles. In some instances efforts to identify the culprits in these thefts have been unsuccessful. In the last six months the thefts of property from vehicles parked on the Presidio of San Francisco have increased. Just to give you an example of what it would cost a victim of a vehicle theft to replace stolen property, damaged parts and labor the following example is provided from the files of the Provost Marshal's office:

Type of vehicle: VW Rabbit
Cost to replace damaged parts in dash ...$304.00
Cost to replace damaged parts in dash ...$444.00
Cost of labor on the above $265.00
Total cost to victim $1,013.00

Report any suspicious activity around parking lot areas to the Military Police by calling 561-2251.



"OFFICER YOUR GONNA HAVE TO SPEAK UP. I CAN'T HEAR YOU OVER MY STEREO!"

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A message of importance

Dear Readers,

Just six months ago, I assumed the Editorship of the Star Presidian.

I have learned much in this position. My initial impression of the readership was a negative one. I could not understand why there was such a slow response to the paper. As August and September rolled around I was mystified by a lack of letters to the Editor or even calls to the newroom. In October the Star Presidian was in a critical situation. Rebecca Hall, reporter, ETSed. That loss left the paper with a one man staff. It has been that way since October.

Since October, the paper has undergone many changes. The changes, at first, were subtle. The format has a new body type and a new headline type for easier reading. Gradually, the philosophy of the paper is changing, too. The ultimate goal, of course, is to provide information to our readers as soon as possible, and also to entertain. It was our belief that the Star Presidian was limited in the past because of size. Fortunately, the paper was able to expand to eight pages every week. This was a major step for the Star Presidian. It meant double work, double effort, and cooperation from the community. "I" wasn't sure it was going to work. A one man staff could be a disaster for an expanding publication. Now, before you turn on the water-works, think about what you are reading. The Star Presidian is your newspaper and it is one of your links to information about the Presidio and employer. What would it be like without a post newspaper?

There is only one way that this paper will continue to grow and be successful — you! One of the major steps I have taken as editor of this paper is to depend on the reading audience to provide stories, comments, and information.

The community has been responsive to my requests and as a result you are making the paper a success. I could never begin to tell you how many people out there have worked to provide input into the paper.

The important thing is - it must continue. Two target goals for the future are: more unit coverage, and more civil service related stories.

There are some misconceptions about this paper. One important aspect I would like to point out is that the Photo Facility and the Newspaper are two separate offices and are in no way connected, except by cooperation. All photographers work for the photo facility and not the Star Presidian. So many times individuals call here for photo support. We do the paper support (news), they do the photography. We are able to take a Polaroid, but that's about it.

From time to time, an award ceremony pictures creeps into our newspaper, but that's a rarity. There's a reason for that. If every award ceremony that occured on post was displayed in our paper, there would be no room for anything else. As a matter of policy, (DA directed) all award photos (sometimes called grip and grins) are discouraged. (It is generally believed that only the individual receiving the award is interested in the ceremony picture. This does not mean the individual does not merit news coverage for his efforts and abilities! He or she certainly deserves the coverage. As a result, a candid shot (not a mug shot) is preferred. And so, I ask that you call me in advance for major recognition of an individual so I can have some time to come out to take a quick shot of the person who is being honored.)

If you don't tell anybody about a breaking story or a "happening" then we won't know about it. Believe me, it really bothers an editor to get a call on Friday letting him know he missed an important event. With a major publication, this wouldn't happen — with our small paper it can. It's unfortunate, but a fact of life. Call us!

When you do call here, please try and be patient. Nothing is worse than picking up a phone and listening to a complaint and not having any idea who is on the other end. Please let us know who you are! It is a lot easier to help you out if

we know who you are and where you work. If you've been missed there are some other ways to make it up to you. Just give us the chance to respond. On the other hand, the recent response to the paper has been great. We really appreciate all the encouragement. Thanks for your positive calls and letters.

Speaking of letters — How about Letters to the Editor? The Star Presidien would be glad to publish them. Got a gripe? Any gripe? Let out your frustration and write a letter.

As I have often said in Troop Talk, that about wraps it up. Just remember a few points — We will stay eight pages as long as you continue to help us out. We cannot be everywhere at once; so we depend on you to keep us informed about upcoming stories and interesting happenings. If this staff ever grows, we will be more independent. The Photo Facility and the Star Presidian are separate organizations.

We enjoy serving you! Hope to catch you while ramblin' for Ramblin' Sam.

Ted Elisee
The Editor

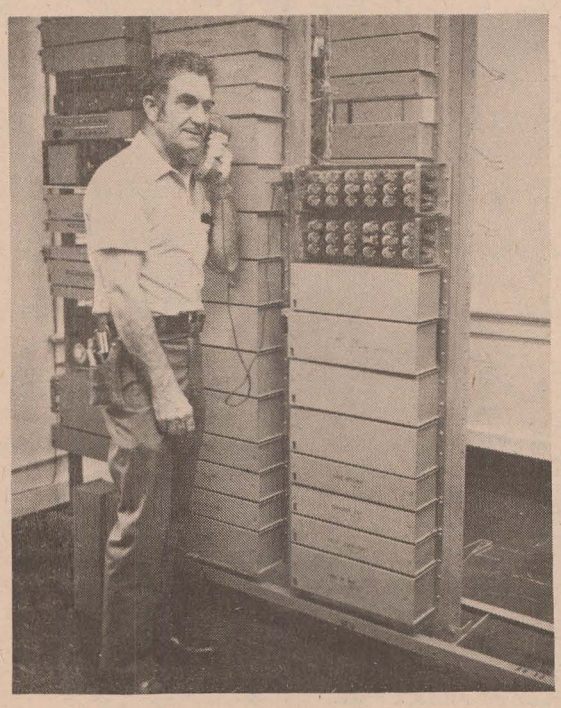
Telephone exchange: Gateway to the Pacific

by Don Terry

There are over one thousand telephone calls per hour going through the main distribution frame at the Presidio telephone office.

The Presidio telephone office is a tenant unit assigned to the Presidio, (it is actually part of the U.S. Army Communications Command, USACC) to provide communications support for Presidio, 6th Army, Letterman Army Medical Center, Letterman Army Institute of Research, 9th Region Readiness Group, Park service and subposts.

The Presidio telephone exchange is the gateway to the Pacific. It handles overseas telephone calls from other military installations in the western states. The switchboard at the exchange is operated twenty-four hours a day and the operators handle autovon and post information as well as overseas switching, local and commercial assistance and the WATS line.



Robert Faria **performs routine check with Lodi switching center.**

James Lewis **starts the inside plant routiner.**

Cloyd Bailey **checks the relays on the interrupter.**

The total capacity for Presidio is 5300 lines, although there are only 3000 working lines at the present time.

There is a lot of equipment involved in operating a telephone exchange service, for example: there is the main distribution frame which allows the subscriber to gain access to all of the switching equipment, autovon, WATS, and commercial lines.

The outside plant routiner checks cable pairs for damage and checks all telephone numbers in this exchange to make sure they are working properly. Then the routiner gives a machine printout of the problems in the lines. This piece of equipment is used during foul weather or when there is possible trouble on the lines.

There is also an inside plant routiner which provides the same service as the outside plant routiner except that it checks the inside equipment like the switching equipment.

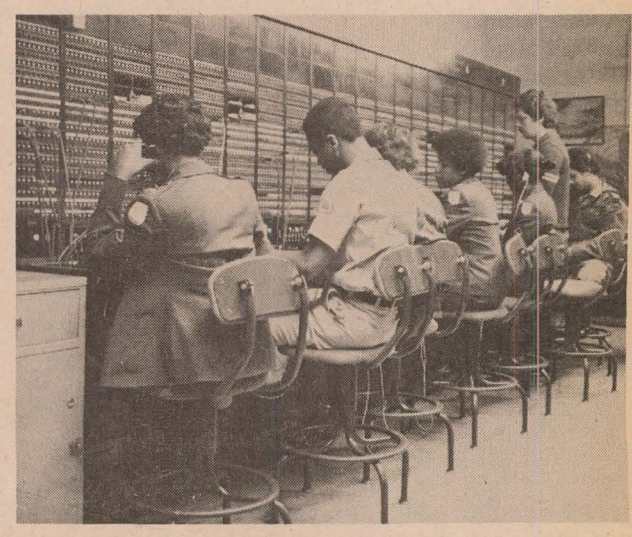
Without the Interrupter you wouldn't be able to call anyone because the Interrupter is what causes the phone to ring. It not only gives the ringing tones but also gives the busy tones and the tic tone for trouble shooting.

Another piece of equipment is used when a complaint is called in about a telephone not working properly. The test center is used to test a telephone line to find out if the trouble is in the subscribers quarters, in the cable, or in the central office.

Since the Presidio is the gateway to the Pacific there are 66 autovon circuits with over 300 calls per hour handled by the Presidio operators. The switching center for the direct dialing autovon lines are located in Lodi, California.

The next time you use the telephone remember what it takes to provide the services that area vailable to you and how many people are using that service.

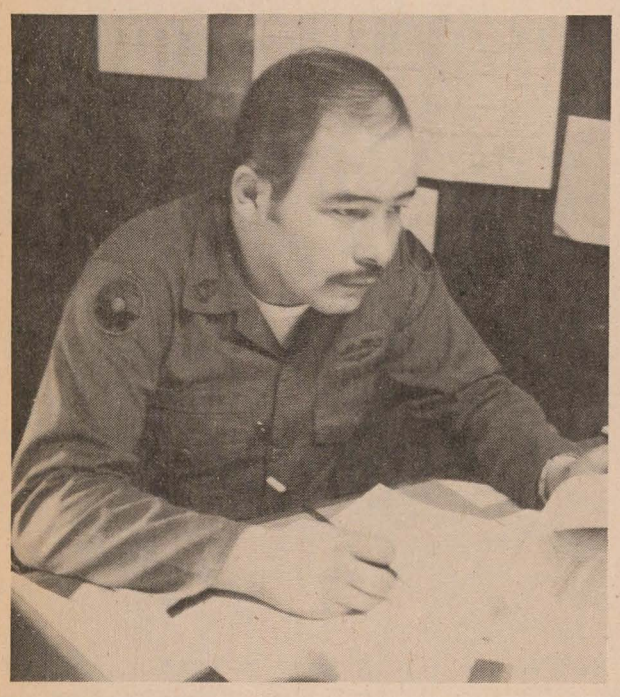
"Hello, Dad! I need some money."



The switchboard staff **busily processing thousands of calls daily.**

Mission Essential

by Ted Elisee



SFC Bill Hetzer is the Training NCO for HQ Co., USAG.

Sergeant Hetzer, who is from Bremerton, Washington, coordinates collective training which includes such areas as Commander's classes, SQT training, and M-16 qualification. He also is the Re-enlistment NCO.

Hetzer also has worked in the field of Club Management. He ran a club at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and in Stuttgart, Germany.

He has three years of college and is working towards a BA. His hobby is auto mechanics.

When asked what was important about his job he replied, "My job keeps the soldier sharp mentally. I keep him informed on everyday happenings, changes in the Army's policies, and also keep the soldier combat ready."

Enlisted Wives Meet

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives Club met recently at the NCO Club. The purpose to the meeting was to discuss plans for the future and to greet the monthly guest speaker.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Rita Russo, spoke to the group about the art of brass rubbing. Following the discussion, Mrs. Russo gave a demonstration. The door prize, a brass rubbing, was won by Julie Provencio.

The next monthly meeting of the Wives will be on March 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the NCO Club. The guest speaker will be LTC Teller, PMO, and SSgt. Don Delver. The topic for discussion will be crime prevention. All are welcome. For further information contact Mrs. Peggy Neeley, ext. 5939.

CPO Brief

If you, the Federal Civil Service employee, are injured on the job what would you do?

The Presidio Civilian Personnel Office wants you to know what you should do in case of an on-the-job injury!

Advise your supervisor of **all** on-the-job injuries, no matter how insignificant they seem at the time.

A federal employee injured by accident while in the performance of duty has the right to select a physician of his/her choice to provide necessary treatment. The supervisor shall immediately authorize examination and appropriate medical care by use of Form CA-16 issued to either a US medical officer/hospital or any duly qualified physician/hospital of the employee's choice.

Insure that Form CA-1 (reporting the injury) has been filled out and later completed with your supervisor. This form will be submitted to the Civilian Personnel Office not later than 2 (Two) working days following the date of the injury.

Maintain contact with your immediate supervisor as to the status of your disability and probable date for returning to work. Insure that the treating physician submits status of duty reports to the Civilian Personnel Office regularly.

Be aware of your responsibilities. You must be sure that you follow the steps above to insure that you receive your benefits under Workman's Compensation. If you have further questions please contact the Recruitment and Placement Branch, Civilian Personnel Office, extension 5750.

Engineers become champs in Post Basketball Tourney

by Bob Gascon

Beaten by a tough Garrison Five in the Championship Bracket, 69 - 66, the race horses of Co. D, 864th Engrs came back after 30 minutes of rest to defeat HQ Co., Garrison, 84 to 79 in the "IF" game of the double elimination tournament, to claim the crown of the Presidio Post Basketball Championship playoffs. Jacob Willson, playing one of his finest games of the season, directed the 864th Engrs offensive power, scoring 24 of his 37 points in the first half to keep the game close throughout the first half as HQ Co., Garrison led 43 to 42. Leading the Garrison scoring was Henry Dillard, Frank Jones, Jeffrey Powell, Bobby Washington and Thomas Tonovich, as each player scored in double figures in a losing cause. With less than two minutes to play the game was still in doubt as Garrison came firing back after trailing 67 to 73 to close the gap at 79 - 80 with 39 seconds to go. 864th Engrs gaining possession of the ball went into a stall and Garrison elected to foul Marcis Henderson, who had missed 9 free throws in a row. The play back-fired as Henderson sank 1 of 2 to put the Engineers ahead 81 to 79. Garrison failed to score and when Charles Hamilton, of the Engrs. stole the ball he was fouled and sank 1 of 2 free throws to ice the game. Robert Rodgers contributed 23 points to the Engineers victory.

OTHER TOURNAMENT GAME RESULTS:

GARRISON 69 - 864th ENGRS 66

Garrison: Jones 25, Tonevich 2, Powell 20, Washington 12, Lewis 8, Dillard 11

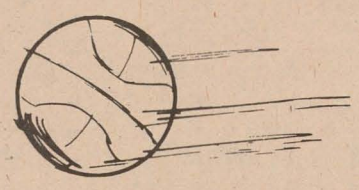
864th ENGRS: Bazile 8, Hamilton 14, Wilson 22, Tolliver 2, Workman 1, Henderson 3, Williams 6, Rodgers 10.

GARRISON 60 - HQS 6A 54

Garrison: Jones 13, Tonevich 7, Powell 6, Lewis 12, Washington 18, Borbett 2

HQS 6A: Brooks 4, Clipper 20, Cannon 6, Lixey 6, Thompson 16, Elliott 2.

VOLLEYBALL: To begin March 1. Units who have not signed up, call the Sports Office, 4120/5032.



PSF DYA Tourney

Story by Jeffery Flournoy

The DYA Basektball Program (Minor League) wrapped up its successful season on Saturday, February 17.

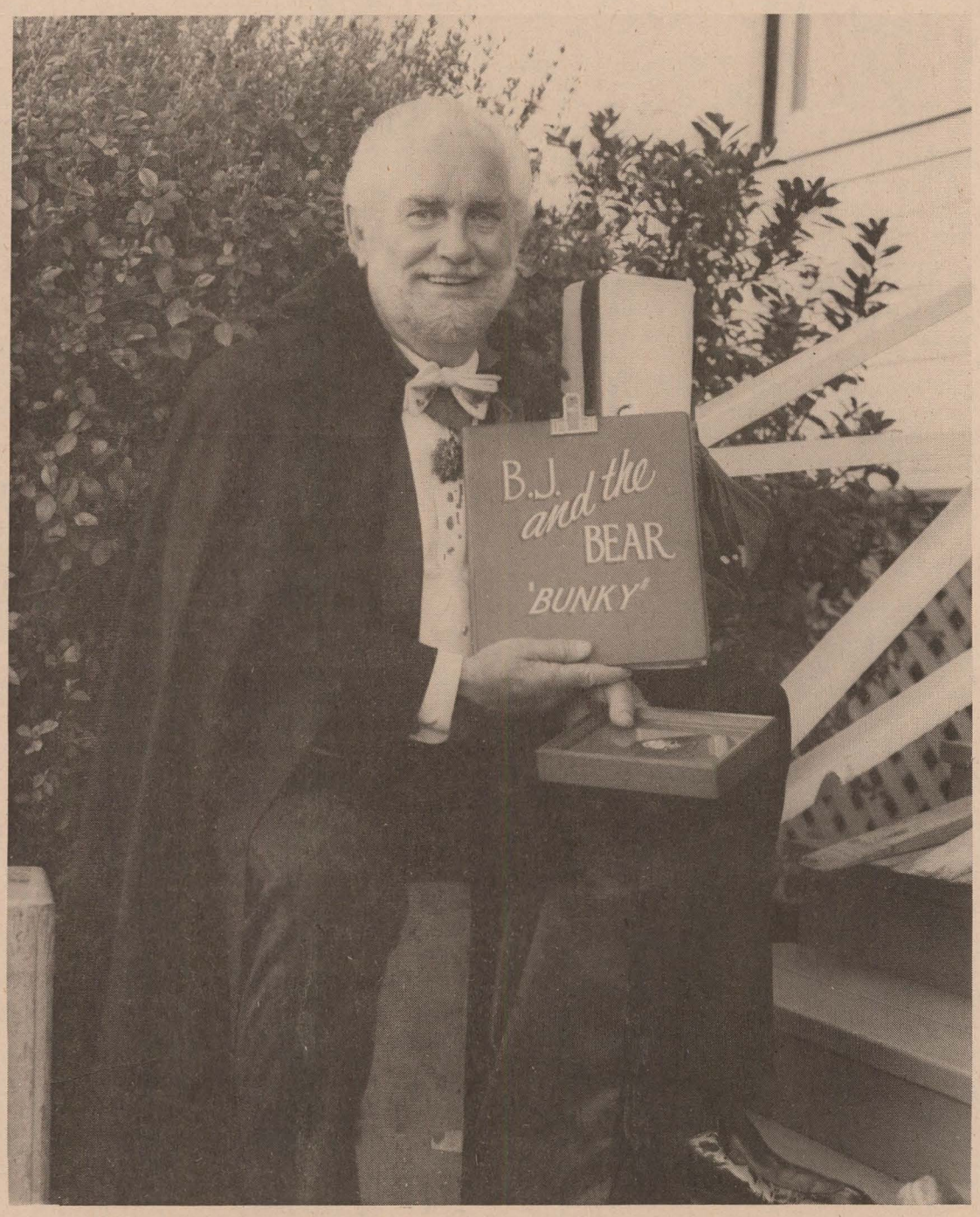
The Presidio youth drove hard and provided a successful end of season performance for the spectators.

The first place team, Oakland, whose record for the season was 8-6 had cinched the championship a week before the finals, however, two Presidio DYA teams and Corpus Christi found themselves battling it out for second place.

Corpus Christi's hopes for second place were dashed as Presidio #1 led by Howard Ratleff's hot shooting and Anita Tyrells strong rebounding, outscored the visiting Christian School 32-22. The Presidio #1 team ended its season with a 7-7 record.

Presidio team #2 led by floor leader Lyles Chad put back Oakland by defeating them with a 12 point margin. As a result, both Presidio teams finished with 7-7 records.

It had been ruled earlier, that in case of a tie, the two team records of games against each other, would be the tie breaker. During the season the Presidio #1 team bested its sister team 3 to 2, thus giving them the second place behind Oakland.



The PMO was recent site **for a shooting segment of the TV show B.J. and the Bear. Actor Foster Brooks paused to pose for photographer Ken Juber.**

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Point Bonita: An inspiration in itself

Story and photos by Don Terry

Looking out over the great expanse of rich gray stormy skies and turbulent ocean, the waves exploding on the rocks like thunder a hundred feet below and the wind rushing by, trying to get out of the rain a person can become captivated by the spellbinding trance created by such a magnificent view of God's creation.

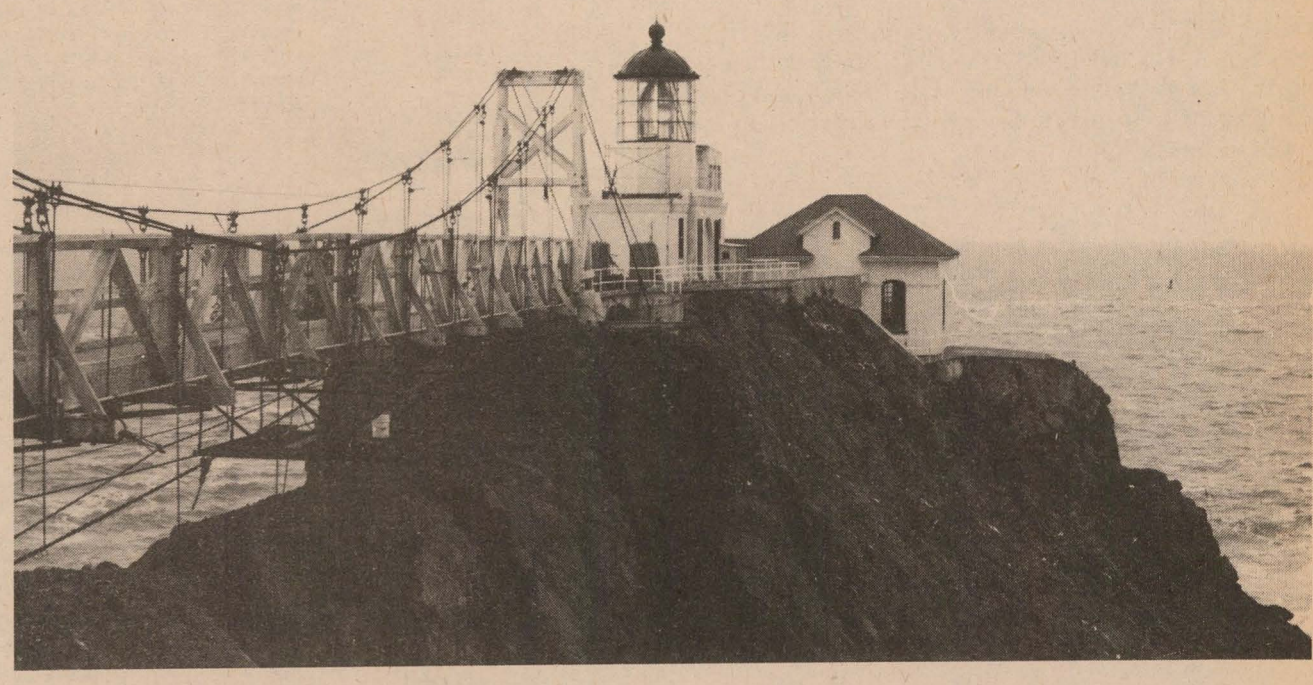
Point Bonita Light House, an inspiration in itself, is the second oldest and the last manned light house on the west coast. It was established in 1855, one year after Alcatraz Island Light House was established. In 1877 the light house was moved from its original location on top of a hill where the radar tower for vessel traffic service now stands, out to the point.

Point Bonita averages three thousand hours of fog a year. Because of this, the first fog signal on the west coast was set up at the point. It was a twenty-four pound cannon which had to be fired every thirty minutes by the station keeper when the fog was in. During the first nine months Point Bonita went through seven station keepers. (Let's see now, 3000 hours of fog, times two cannon firing's each hour, that comes to 6000 firings. What did he say? Let me turn up my hearing aid.)

The Coast Guard currently has the job of operating the Point Bonita Light House. The Coast Guard was first established in August 1790 to help prevent smuggling of illegal aliens and was known as the Revenue Cutter Service. In 1915 the Life Saving Service (the operators of the light house) merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard. The light house service was transferred in 1939 from the Department of the Interior to the Coast Guard.

Last manned light house

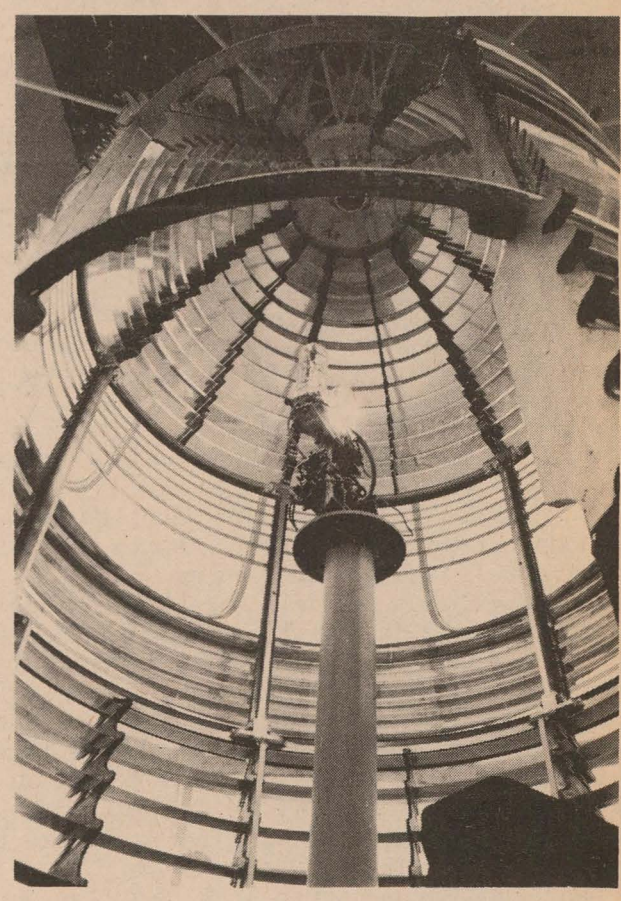
Point Bonita is the last manned light house on the west coast, however, that will become an automated cyclops. In the late fiscal year 1979 Point Bonita will become completely automated with an automatic fog detection device that will turn on the fog horn. The lights will run continuously twenty-four hours a day. At the time of completion the Coast Guard will turn it over to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which in turn will open it up to the general public.



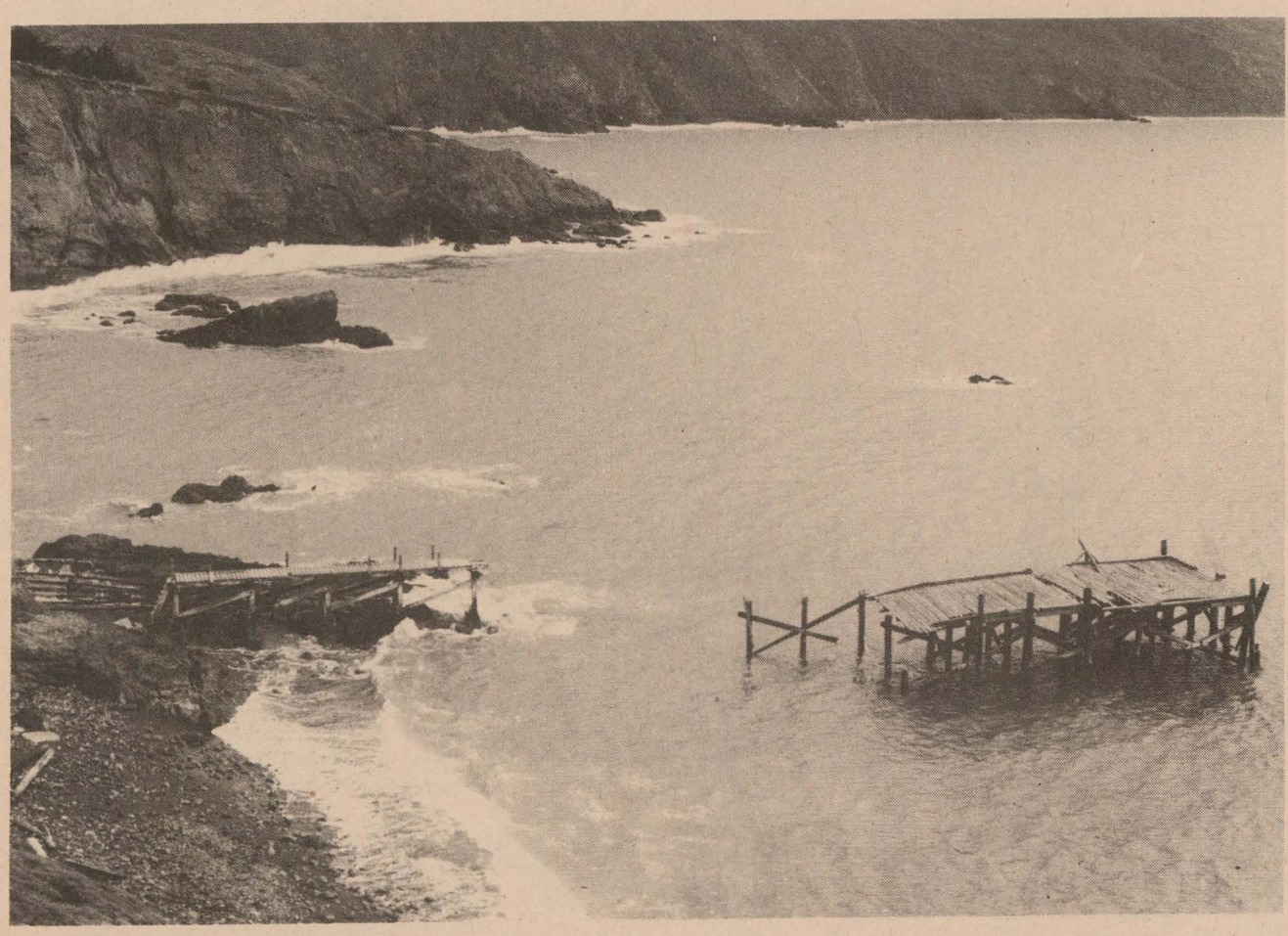
Point Bonita Light House, **as it now stands, will undergo some major changes before being turned over to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and opened to the public.**

Ladies and Gentlemen! As we begin our tour of Point Bonita, please be careful as we walk down this steep hill. If you look out to the left you can see the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco, also at the bottom of this drop on the left you will notice what was once a boat dock and railroad tracks. The tracks were used until about 1940 to bring supplies off the boats and up this steep grade by cable. The pier was used until 1965 to provide quick response to someone in need.

Now as we approach the tunnel (by the way, this is the only light house that has a tunnel) you will notice the small ledge around the cliff. That was once a foot path by which the light house was moved from the top of the hill where the radar tower is behind you to the point. It is approximately 120 feet from the path to the rugged rocks below.



This guiding light of life **has been a source of comfort to thousands of seamen from throughout the world as they have traveled across the great expanse of liquid space.**



View of dock where supplies **were once brought in by boat. Small railroad cars were used to transport supplies and equipment up the steep grade. A store house once stood next to the railroad tracks (left). Also, a Life Saving Service kept a boat docked at the pier for quick response in an emergency.**

As we go through the tunnel you will notice the extremely rough cut and that the tunnel is only supported at the openings. The rough cut is an engineering design to make the tunnel self supporting, otherwise there would have to be steel and cement supports every six inches.

Here on this part of the trail it becomes concrete. This is because coal was brought up from barges on tracks and run down the path. As we

(continued on page 8)

New gas policy

Current gas shortages have caused a number of off-post gas stations to reduce weekend operations. This has resulted in an increased use of the post gas station's allocation. To assist in better controlling gas usage, the Exchange Manager has put into effect, for a 30-day trial period, reduced operating hours. Temporary new hours will be:

Monday through Friday		8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10	p.m.
Saturday	10	a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED	

YOUR HELP is requested by voluntarily REDUCING YOUR GASOLINE CONSUMPTION at the post gas station by 20% to help alleviate the current problem and to help preclude further reduction in the hours of operation.

Cinco De Mayo

Interested personnel are needed to help organize and participate in the Cinco De Mayo Fiesta which will be held at a future date on the Presidio.

All participants are welcome to work on this project for Hispanic Heritage week. A meeting will be held on March 15, at 2 p.m. at Bldg. 909, second floor, Post Equal Opportunity Office.

For further information, please contact, SSgt. Hunt, 3701 or Ms. Sanchez, 5730.

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

There's a lot of celebrating going on over at the Sixth Army Inspector General's office. Three members of that office were recently promoted. Henry Harrison pinned on his silver eagles while Louis Bell added a gold star to his sleeve, and Edward Bowers joined the ranks of Presidio's master sergeants.

They are also celebrating over at the Sixth Army Band where four individuals have earned a new stripe. Nancy Cook and Jaye Yaksic were promoted to Staff Sergeant while Francis Karas and Thomas Palmatier stepped up to Specialist 5.

The 163rd MP Company bids farewell this week to 1st Lt. Katherine Bentle and Spec 4 Jay Lee who are ETSing, and to SSGT. Gary Moulton who is PCSing to Germany. The company helped keep a good soldier in the Army when SSgt. Don Rollins reenlisted.

Pfc Bruce King is the latest arrival at Company D, 864th Engineers. He arrived just in time to help say so-long to Spec 5 George Reebe and Pfc Mike Suchy who are on their way to Germany, and to Spec 4s Mark Lagrimas and Annible Medina, and PV2 Jackie Woullard who are ETSing. The company welcomes home Sgt. Jornal Miller and Spec 4 Darryl Robinson after they completed the Primary Leadership Course at Fort Ord. The unit is also proud of the fact that Spec 5 George Reeve has just reenlisted.

The Army Commendation Medal has been presented to SSgt. Leon Young of the 170th MP Co. Another stand out for the 170th is SSgt. James Perry who recently reenlisted. Greetings to the second platoon which is down at Camp Roberts for a field exercise.

Received word this week from HHD 504th MP Bn that Anthony Burgess and Ike Williams have been promoted to Spec 4 and Spec 4 William Robinson has reenlisted.

The 16th AG Detachment welcomes back Spec 5s Esther Faulkner and Robert Payton who just graduated from the Primary Leadership Course. The detachments bids farewell to Spec 5 Arlette Brown who is ETSing so she can join her husband in Germany.

Headquarters Company, USAG bids welcome this week to Pfc Jeff Billingsley and farewell to Larry Jefferson who is ETSing. Capt. Boyd reminds all soldiers assigned to HQ Co, that the semi-annual PT test will be held March 21 and 22 with a make up date of March 28. Are you ready?

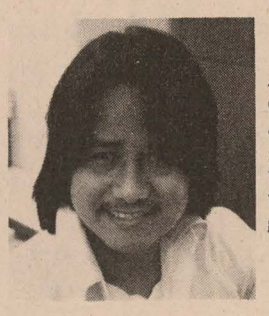
Things seem to be pretty quiet with the 51st Eng. Det, Sixth Region CID, and the Communication folks. But all report that they are hanging in there till next week.

In honor of National Procrastination Week, I'm going "to put off," our word of the week.

Ramblin' Sam

What question would you like Ramblin' Sam to ask? How would you answer that question?

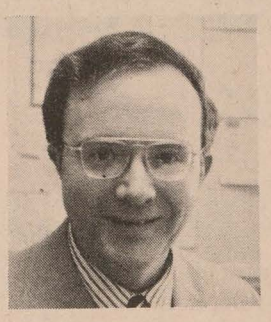
SSgt. Bruce Longnecker, Senior Personnel Sergeant, HQ Readiness Region IX – **What is your opinion of the Army haircut policy?** "The Army haircut policy should be liberalized to conform to modern standards."



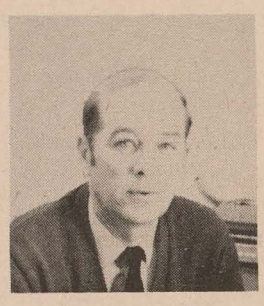
Mr. Reynaldo Broas, Board Clerk, DCSPA – **Why shouldn't Jackie Spear be elected to Congressman Ryan's seat?** "I'm going to vote for her because she has all the qualifites necessary to make a good congresswoman."

Capt. Penny Miller, Ch, Plans Br, DSPA – **What ways can you think of to improve the Presidio?** "More community involvement, especially inter-unit activity."

Mrs. Phoebe Van Kirk, Clerk Typist, Admin, Readiness Region IX – **What do you find confusing about the ways things are done in civil service?** "It take too long to get a straight answer about things."



Mr. Maury Peerenboom, Ch, CI, Sixth Army Public Affairs Office – **"How did you react to the departure of Ohio State Coach Woody Hayes?** "I felt badly about it. He was one of the greatest football coaches in American history. He KNEW the game of football to perfection and he demanded it be played to perfection. He was another Vince Lombardi — a teacher, a fundamentalist, a great strategist and historian. He learned from the past and refused to be influenced by the outside media. You did things "Woody's way" at Ohio State or you were gone. That's the way Vince did things at Green Bay — and the bottom line for both these great men was that they were winners in every sense of the word. Coach Hayes did a lot for college football but most of all, he insisted — indeed demanded — that his players finish their college careers and get an education FIRST."



Colonel Paul Adams, Sixth Army PMO – **What would you do to improve youth activities on the Presidio?** "I would encourage all parents to support their children on a continuing basis in the child's particular field of interest. Too often, a child's activity lacks good parental support. A parent should come more than once to an event to show how much he cares for the child's interests. Helping out with the child's program and coming to the events will encourage the child to progress, and could promote good growth."

Congratulations

Mr. Wieland Leong, Control Branch, DESPA, **Headquarters, Sixth US Army was granted an award of $550.00 for his suggestion which provided manpower savings by eliminating unnecessary work in posting and keypunching ADT/AT entries and making corrections on DA Forms 3593. This suggestion creates an annual savings of $9,915.**

Sp6 Philip Cartwright of **Facilities Engineers and his wife Shirley celebrated a well deserved promotion to E-6 this week. Philip accumulated the unbelievable total of 894 points to make an 886 cutoff! Phil is a Prime Power Production Specialist. His job is basically a trouble shooter. He previously served in the Navy and had two combat tours in Vietnam.**

Star Presidian

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News notes

MAC Flights offer drinks

Washington (ARNEWS) — Beer and wine sales are now being tested on military airlift command (MAC) chartered flights for the firt time, according to Air Force officials.

An Air Force transportation official says that the test, started last month, will continue at least six months, until about mid-August.

Alcoholic beverage sales on the MAC flights, the official said, are being limited to beer and wine and will be served with meals only. Prices for these drinks will be the same as those on commercial flights, he added.

About 75 percent of MAC's passengers, including G.I.'s, their dependents and DOD civilians, fly on chartered planes. The other 25 percent use regular commercial services that already offer alcoholic beverage sales.

"MAC has gone to the services before with this proposal (to sell beer and wine), but all services have not approved the idea", the official commented. "I think that the last time the proposal came up, the services objected on the grounds that troops were going to Vietnam and they said, "We didn't want our troops going to combat drunk."

These drinks will be sold only to people aged 18 or older, the official said, and sales will enforce "common sense rules concerning sobriety and the like."

MILPERCEN announces education push on officers evaluation

Washington (ARNEWS) — The Army is planning a major education push to explain details of a new officer evaluation report (OER) that will be used later this year.

The Education Program, according to MILPERCEN officials, includes:

A) Publication of a DA circular and release of a TV instruction tape in June.

B) Tours by briefing teams to major units and installations from May through August.

C) Distribution of a revised AR 623-105 in July.

D) A training package for resident and non-resident schools that will be available in August.

E) A DA pamphlet that will be given to every officer in August.

Officials say that the introduction of the new OER will include a transition period from September 15 - November 1. During this period, they say, virtually all officers will receive one final OER using the current form before use of the new form takes effect.

San Francisco USO moves

The tourists off Airporter Buses are not the only ones shivering on cold San Francisco streets because Hilton has torn down the Airline Terminal. Service persons are wandering all over town looking for San Francisco USO. It use to be downstairs in the Airline Terminal; a bright, cheerful, newly decorated lounge, with city and referral information for traveling military and others stationed in Bay Area. Barely a year and half ago, USO moved from its former longtime location on Market near 7th, to the Airline Terminal. With a 60-day eviction notice from Hilton effective January 1st, USO had to move fast to find new quarters in the rear lobby of the Stratford Hotel, Powell near Geary, 2 blocks away.

USO is still looking for a permanent downtown home. If anyone knows of anything, let USO know. Could be a big tax shelter. Meanwhile, service persons stationed in the area, military travelers and others on orders, are walking up and down wintry San Francisco streets looking for San Francisco USO. A home without a permanent home. But once they find USO in its temporary quarters at Stratford Hotel, 242 Powell, near Geary, USO is all set up to assist military.

All information and referral services are available as usual. Maps of the city, updated hotel, housing, car rental, check cashing info; emergency calls made to Travis, other bases, ships; free and discount tickets; a place to leave luggage; all types of info including crisis referral help. Ask USO any question, if they don't know the answer, they will find out. Always free hot coffee or tea, a place to watch TV, free paperbacks and stationery.

"Lump Sum" bonuses return

Washington (Arnews) — "Lump Sum" reenlistment bonuses return April 3, MILPERCEN officials said this week.

Unless soldiers ask for annual bonus installments, officials said, they will receive full payment at reenlistment, minus taxes.

Soldiers who reup between now and April 3 will continue to receive annual bonus payments and will not be allowed to extend enlistments only to take advantage of the one-time payment, officials said. If they are eligible to reenlist after April 2, however, without extending, they will be able to take advantage of the lump. The lump sum offer applies to soldiers collecting a selective reenlistment bonus (SRB), officials said. Regular reenlistment bonuses (RRB) are always paid lump-sum because they are $2,000 or less.

Education Center news

Mr. Jon Torp, representative for Pepperdine University, will be on post Tuesday, March 13, to discuss the Master of Arts program in Human Resources Management offered at Treasure Island Naval Support Station.

The program is open to all active duty military personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. All interested persons are invited to attend this orientation to be held at the following locations:

10:00 a.m.

Fort Scott Education Center, Room 31

11:30 a.m.

LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007

For further information contact Judy Lewis, Treasure Island NSS ccordinator, telephone 391-3236.

Vehicle displayed in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. — A new experimental reconnaissance vehicle has been developed for the Army by the Food Machinery Corporation of San Jose, Calif., that comes on like a kind of mechanized superman.

According to a spokesperson at the San Francisco District Recruiting Command, it resembles a large "baja (beach) buggy, can climb a 60 percent incline and accelerate up to 60 mph in the first 12 seconds."

Officially known as the "XR311," it's a two ton rover-type vehicle "especially designed to negotiate very rough terrain." It normally carries three crew members all strapped in with variations of the typical parachute harness.

The vehicle had it's California grand showing early in February at the Grand National Roadster Show at the Oakland Coliseum. Still owned by the corporation, the "terrain buggy" was especially loaned to the Army for the roadster show.

"The 'XR' drew large crowds," an Oakland Army recruiter said, "and resulted in excellent exposure for the Army."

Movies

PRESIDIO

Sat. Mar. 10 **The Land of No Return (G)** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 11 **Every Which Way But Loose (PG)** 7 p.m.
Tues. Mar. 13 **Same as Mon. Mar. 12**
Wed. Mar. 14 **The Toweing Inferno (PG)** 7 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 15 **Avalanche (PG)** 7 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 16 **Same as Thurs Mar. 15**

Little League forming at PSF

Little League season is underway on the Presidio! Registration for the season will be on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Gym. Tryouts for those who have registered will be on March 31. The tryout period will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is important to point out that everyone who registers will play! Tryouts will be held on Pop Hicks Field.

The leagues will be divided as follows:
Ages 7 thru 10 - Pee Wees
Ages 11 and 12 - Bantam
Ages 13 and 14 - Older League

Registration for the league will be three dollars per player and six dollars for a family. The league will also be looking for parents or individuals who are willing to help with coaching or officiating. For further information, contact Sfc Hamler, ext. 5311.

PMO calls attention to TV program due to air Sunday

Mayor Diane Feinstein has declared the week of March 5th thru the 11th to be JUVENILE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK.

In support of this and in conjunction with our own community outreach programs, the Provost Marshal's crime prevention section and juvenile section join in urging parents and junior high and high school age children to watch a special television program. The program is entitled "Scared Straight," and is being shown on KBHK TV, Channel 44 on Sunday, March 11th at 10 p.m. The program is one hour long and will be followed by a special half hour commentary by Dick Cavett. The program deals with the successful efforts to combat juvenile delinquency through encounters with "hardened criminals" inside prisons, and allows the viewer to witness an uncut encounter session filmed recently.

The programs advocates have claimed that encounters with the inmates have been far more successful in "turning kids around" (keeping them out of trouble) than the more orthodox programs of delinquency prevention which are currently in use. The film is uncensored, and some of the language used may be offensive to some viewers. The station plans an appropriate announcement to warn viewers, however, it is felt that the importance of the material shown outweighs the undesirability of some of the language. Your comments about the material are invited. Please call 5011 and let us know your reactions.

Waging War On Language

SEXIST!

In the battle against sexist language, the latest moderator to enter the fray is an educator in the West.

Professor Robert Longwell of the University of Northern Colorado has come up with a whole new set of words. "Hesh" (with a long e) would be used for "he or she." Instead of "his or her" the professor recommends the use of "hizer." And for "him or her," another unisex word, "hirm." And in place of "mankind or womankind," substitute "mowankind."

Problems? Nary a one as long as one keeps hizer wits about hirm, or surely hesh will find hirmself at odds with the rest of mowankind.

OOOOPS!!!

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

OOOOOOOOOPPPPPPPS the was a slip up in the last Star Presidian. We asked you to fill out the membership application below and there was no application below. Here it is.

TO: JACK BRYANT
Membership Chairman
785 B Sanchez
Presidio of San Francisco, CA
94129

FROM: _____
Name
_____
Address
_____
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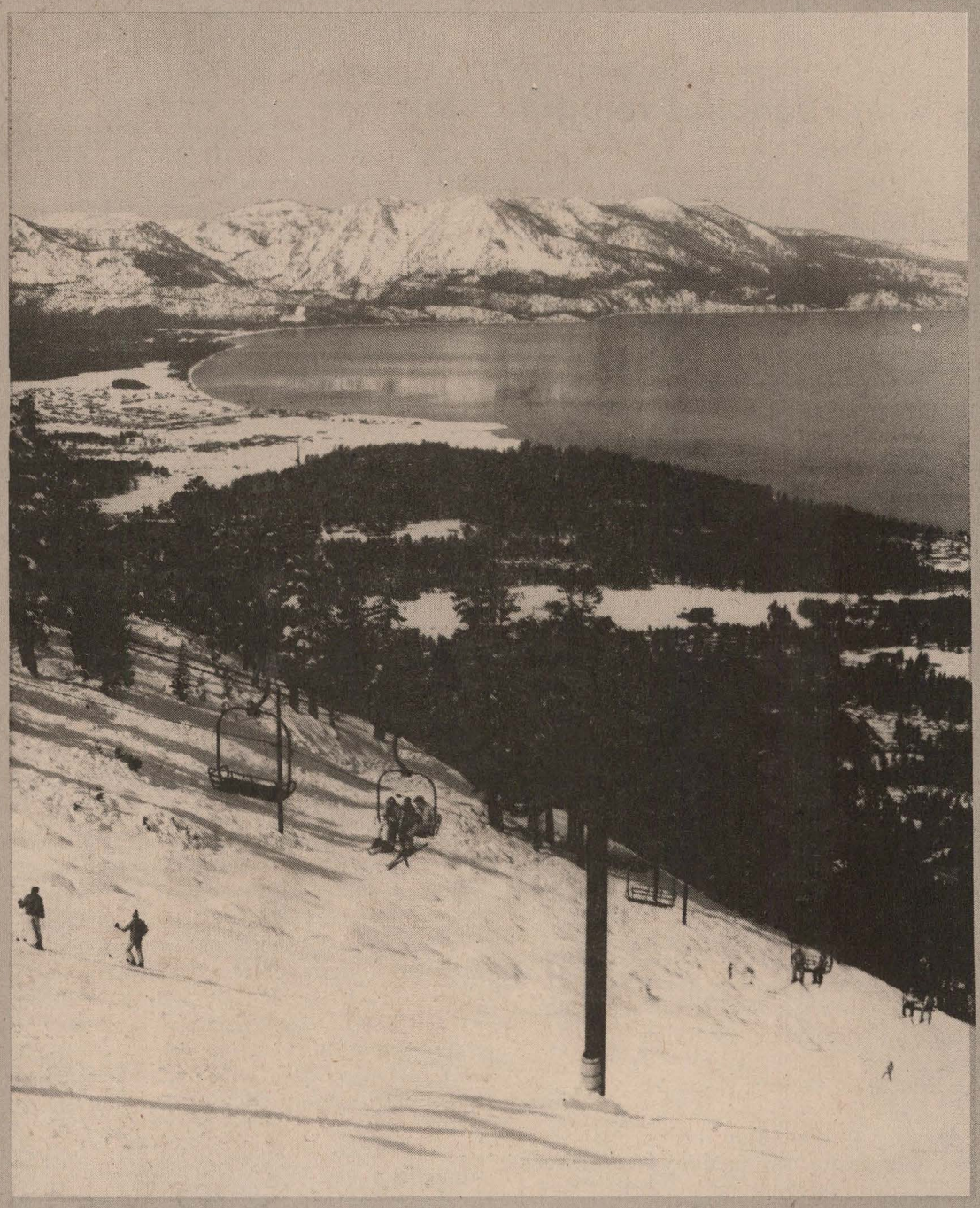
Organization
Phone: HM_____WK_____

I desire membership in the PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB and made application IAW the PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB's By-Laws.

_____ _____
SIGNATURE DATE

Dues: $1.00 a month for single player/$3.00 a month for family membership.
Dues payable quarterly.
Make Checks Payable to MORALE & WELFARE SUPPORT FUND

Ski "Retreat" Weekend



A panoramic view of the lift and Lake Tahoe Area.

Chaplain Mills leads a Sunday morning worship service.

Photos and story by Ken Juber

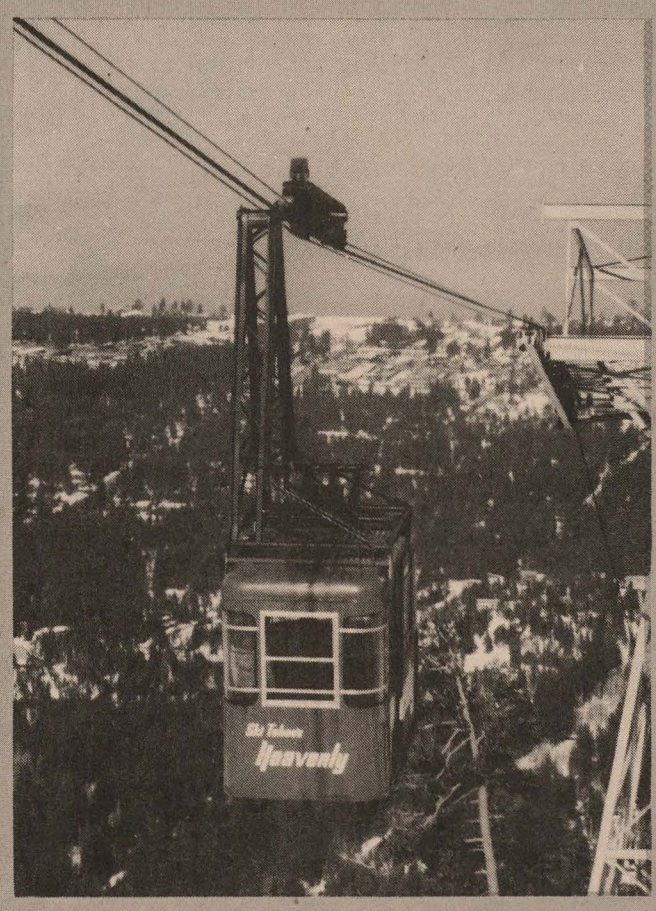
The word "retreat" is a word many military personnel interpret to mean the withdrawal of troops from a hostile zone.

Last weekend, the Post Chaplain's Office sponsored a "retreat" of a different sort. Under the Director of Chaplain Harold Mills, and Chaplain Roland Humphrey a religious ski retreat was held at Heavenly Valley, Lake Tahoe.

The group, comprised of both military and dependents, boarded busses at 5:30 a.m., Saturday, for Lake Tahoe. Included in the schedule of events was a worship service held on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The weekend according to Specialist Four Debbie Miller was a "heavenly one" because of sun, fun, and great skiing.

Who's that behind those shades? It's Specialist Four Debbie Miller.



Need a lift? The tram at Heavenly Valley brings skiers to the top of the mountain every fifteen minutes.

Basketball News

Presidio's Men's and Women's teams ventured to Ft. Hood, TX for the FORSCOM Western Region Basketball Championships last week. The Men's team drew powerful Ft. Lewis in its first game and was outmanned in the first half and finally going down to defeat 107 - 84. The next day they battled Alaska for most of the game before losing 90 - 63. Jacob Wilson, 874th Engrs, scored 55 points in the two games for high point honors.

Our women's team played as best as possible due to lack of experience, and lost to Ft. Lewis 53 - 37 in its first game.

The next night there was a close game with Ft. Carson. Presidio stayed close until the last quarter before succumbing 47 - 36. Irene Hurt, USAG, and Donna Clevelle, WRRC, played very well in these games.

Post Raquetball Tourney

In the Master Division, Bud Dixon, 6th Army, struggled his way thru the losers bracket (injury) to play Herman Price, LAMC, in the finals. He defeated Price 21 - 12, 21 - 5 in the first final. They had to play the "If game" to determine the champion, as each person had one defeat. Dixon's game was on and Price's was off as Dixon won 21 - 17, 21 - 19.

In the Open Division there are three players left in the competition. Mike O'Connor is scheduled to play Jamie Yamamoto in a rematch. Yamamoto defeated O'Connor 15 - 9, 15 - 11 earlier, so the upcoming match should be a close one. The winner plays Bill James, LAMC, in the finals. James must be defeated twice to be eliminated.

Intramural Golf

Units still desiring to enter an intramural golf league are encouraged to see their unit A & R office or NCO. The first clinic is scheduled for March 15 at noon at the Presidio Golf Course. For further information, contact the Sports Branch Office, Bldg. #63 or call 4120/5032.

Triathlon Championships

Any qualified active duty male and female athletes who are interested in competing in the FORSCOM Triathlon Championships, April 9 - 11, at Ft. Sam Houston, TX should contact the Sports Branch Office, Bldg. #63, or call 4120/5032.

Post Volleyball Team

All interested active duty male or female volleyball players who are interested in Post level play leading up to the FORSCOM Championships at Ft. Lews WA, April 16 - 20 should attend practices held at Post Gym #1, Bldg. #63, every Wednesday night, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact the Sports Branch extension 4120/5032.

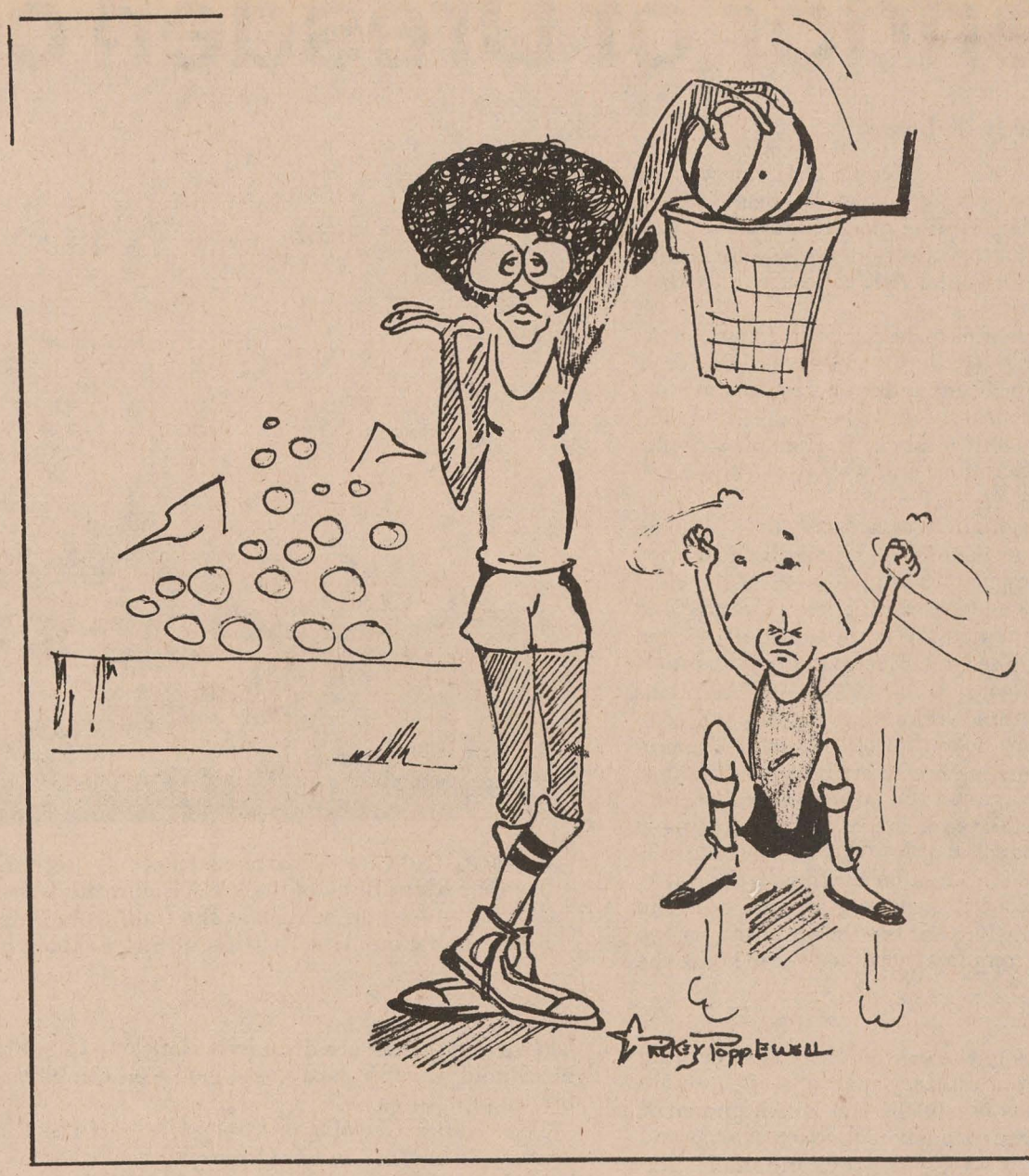
Intramural Volleyball

The Intramural Volleyball League kicked off Tuesday night with LAIR #1 defeating USAG 14 - 7, 15 - 3 and defeating LAMC #1, 15 - 2, 15 - 10 in the second game.

6th Army defeated LAMC #1 in the match of the night by going the limit of three games, 6 - 10, 15 - 3 and 13 - 8.

Thursday, March 8, LAMC #3 will then meet 51st Engrs; LAIR #2 plays 6th Army Band; Oakland Army Base will meet 51st Engrs; USPHS plays 6th Army Band and the final game, at 2045, Oakland Army Base will meet USPHS.

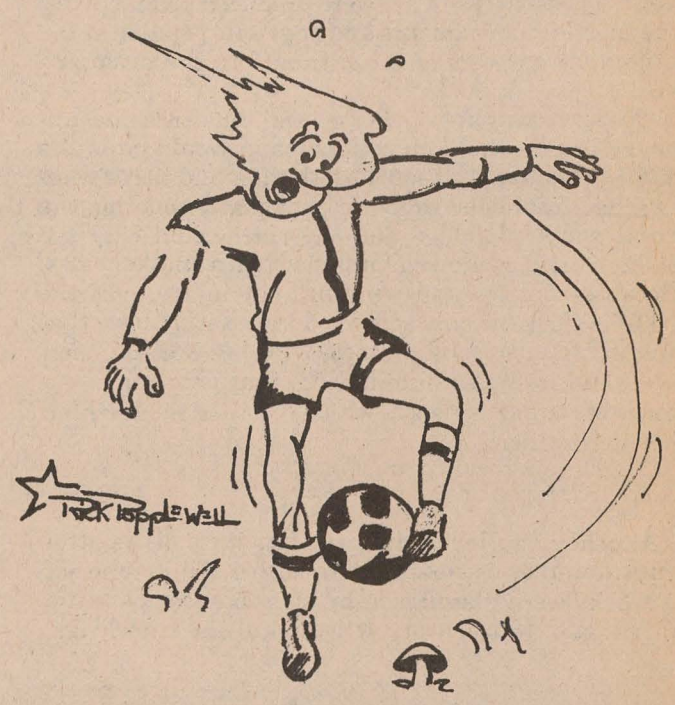
Games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 5 p.m. weekly. Come out and root for your favorite team. Six games are scheduled on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.



Aquarius Swim Team moves out again

On Saturday, March 3, the Aquarius Swim Team participated in the NBAL (North Bay Aquatic League) Winter Championships held at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Seven teams make up the NBAL. They are: Seahawks of Napa, Novato Aquanauts, Dolphins of Marin, Sting Rays of Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa Neptunes, San Francisco Recreaton and Parks and Aquarius. The other six teams all have more members than Aquarius. However, Aquarius made a fine showing with 14 swimmers nailing down a total of 27 places and the Senior Boys capturing 3rd place in the 400 yd. Medley Relay. Robin Wicks qualified for the Far Western Cahmpionships by swimming to a "AAA" time of 1:28.15 in the 10 and Under 100 yd. breaststroke.



All swimmers entered in the meet swam in the Preliminaries. The top 16 swimmers of each preliminary event then competed in the finals. 16 places were awarded for each event. The following AQSC swimmers were awarded ribbons:

10 and Under

BIANCA TRENKER - 11th in 100 yd. butterfly, 12th in 100 yd. freestyle and 14th in 100 yd. backstroke.

ROBIN WICKS - 7th in 100 yd. backstroke with a new A time, 7th in 100 yd. freestyle, and 4th in 100 yd. breaststroke with AAA time.

NICK RUSSO - 12th in 100 yd. butterfly.

BILLY RAINALDO - 15th in 100 yd. backstroke.

11 - 12

POLLY SLISZ - 5th in 100 yd. backstroke, 10th in 100 yd. butterfly, and 15th in 200 yd. freestyle.

MARGIE MOORE - 15th in 200 yd. breastroke.

DENISE TIETZE - 11th in 100 yd. butterfly, 11th in 100 yd. backstroke, 10th in 200 yd. breaststroke.

LYNDA BOLAND - 16th in 100 yd. backstroke.

MARK RUSSO - 7th in 100 yd. butterfly, 15th in 100 yd. backstroke, 15th in 200 yd. breaststroke

BIRAN RUSSO - 5th in 100 yd. butterfly, 13th in 100 yd. backstroke.

Senior

JULIE ADAMS - 11th in 200 yd. butterfly, 15th in 200 yd. breastsroke.

CORY EAZER - 15th in 200 yd. backstroke, 12th in 200 yd. butterfly.

PAUL HAAS - 12th in 200 yd. breaststroke.

KEN SMITH - 11th in 200 yd. breaststroke.

Relay

Senior Boys 400 yd. Medley Relay - 3rd to COREY EAZER, KEN SMITH, BRYAN MEEGAN, PAUL HAAS.

CPO Brief

If there is no designated beneficiary listed in your Official Personnel Folder, any unpaid compensation, retirement and insurance will be given the following order of precedence:

1. To the widow or widower
2. If neither of the above, to the child or children in equal shares.
3. If none of the above, to the parents in equal shares or the entire amount to the surviving parent.
4. If none of the above, to the executor or administrator of the estate of the decedent.
5. If none of the above, to the next of kin under the laws of the state in which the decedent was living.

It is not necessary for an employee to designate a beneficiary unless he/she wishes to name some person or persons not included above, or in a different order. Designation of beneficiary becomes void upon transfer of an employee from one agency to another (such as an employee going from Department of the Navy to Department of the Army). In this case, it is important to review your Official Personnel Folder to make certain the beneficiary forms are complete and accurate.

Be certain if you wish someone to be specifically designated, other than the order above, that you have made out proper designation of beneficiary forms. It is an employee's responsibility to insure that these forms are completed. For further information on designation of beneficiary, please contact the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office, extension 5758, or 5759.

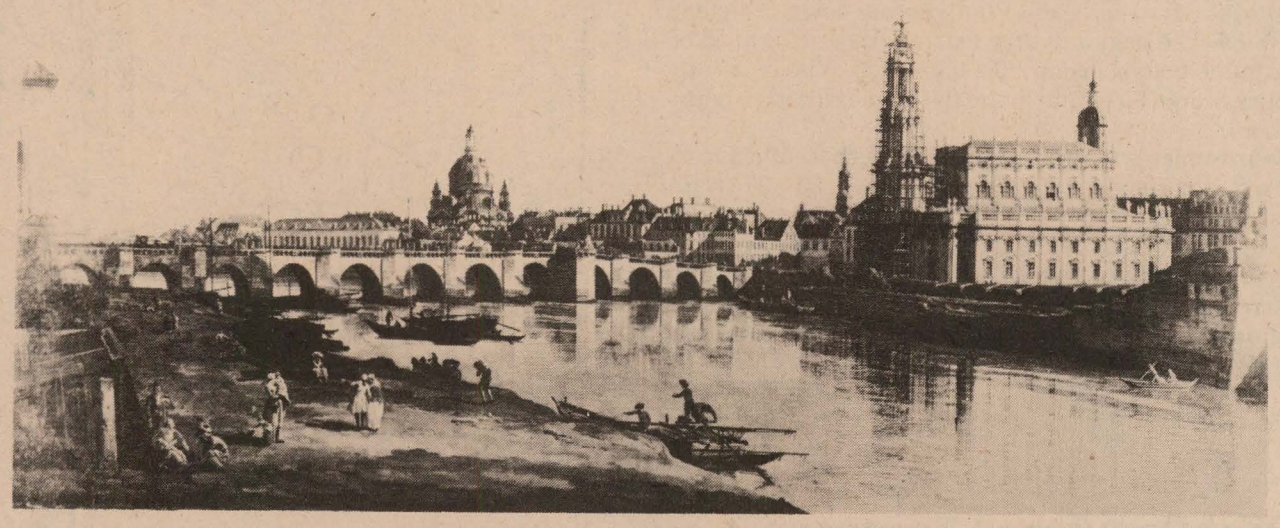
Splendor of Dresden comes to SF

by H. T. Linke

California's Palace of the Legion of Honor was the site for last week's opening in San Francisco of The Splendor of Dresden. Unlike most exhibitions, Dresden is more than just a collection of magnificent artwork, it tells the story of how art collecting developed in one German city.

"Splendor" only begins to describe this collection. As one passes through the galleries adjectives like incredible, intricate, magnificent and opulent spring to mind as necessary to accurately describe this exhibit. For the most jaded student of art or the casual museum visitor, Dresden is a must and well worth the $2.50 admission.

Art collecting began in Dresden some five centuries ago. The Electors of Saxony, so named because they were among the few nobles eligible to elect the Holy Roman Emperor, made their residence in Dresden and were the heirs to a region of Saxony unusually rich in silver and jewels. The first Electors to begin serious collecting were Georg (1500-1539) and Augustus (1533-1586). Collecting works of art not only served to reflect obvious glory upon the collectors but also provided a store of items easily convertible to cash in hard times and a hedge against the failure of local currencies. For nearly 500 years art collecting continued unabated in Dresden and over 700 of the best masterworks are presented in 12 galleries. In fact, the collection, which was contributed by eight museums in Dresden, is so extensive that the Palace of the Legion of Honor had to be completely cleaned out to house the display.



Dresden, The City –This masterpiece by Bernardo Bellotto (known as Canaletto), entitled "Dresden from the Right Bank of the Elbe, Below the Augustus Bridge," is one of several remarkable paintings of the city which can be seen at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. (Photos courtesy of Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco)

With 12 galleries in the exhibit there is something for everyone. For the military man one of the more interesting galleries should be the **Rustkammer** or armory. It features an extensive collection of arms and armor; magnificently wrought swords and shields, exquisitely carved wheellock pistols, suits of armor and individual helmets done in silver and gold, and two seemingly larger than life knights on horseback at the joust. These works of art were produced primarily for the martial tournaments and pageants popular at the time and represented the ultimate in the armorer's art.

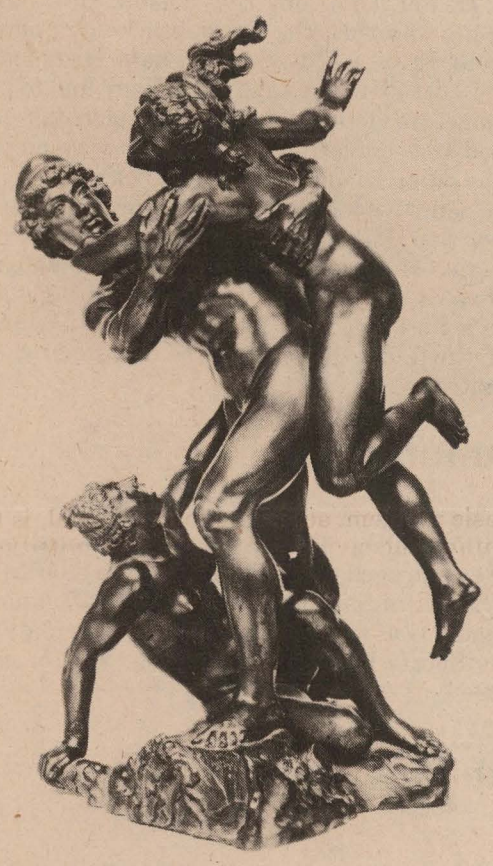
The two knights on horseback illustrate the unusual lengths the 16th century man would go in the name of combat and sport. Both man and horse were swathed from head to toe in armor and padding, the horse was blindfolded and the rider could only see enough to brace himself for impact with another rider. Because courage and winning, not injury, was the point of the joust only soft wood lances were used that splintered upon solid contact. Winning was so important, and losing so humiliating, that paintings were made of completed jousts which recorded the loser but not the winner!

Another gallery not to be missed is the **Kunstkammer** or closet of curiosities. All manner of artworks were placed side by side to encompass the full range of 16th century artistic skill and knowledge. Clocks and pistols are displayed alongside inlaid tables, gold jewelry boxes, religious paintings and bronze sculptures.

The **Grunes Gewolbe** or Green Vault of the 18th century is another must. Originally conceived as a total work of art in the Elector's palace, the artworks were placed against mirrored walls to reflect, enhance and add an extra dimension to the display. Here the visitor finds treasures of carved ivory, amber, all manner of precious metals alone or worked around nautilus shells and ostrich eggs, and in one case an absolutely breathtaking display of diamond jewelry designed to be worn all at once by Augustus the Strong, one of the later electors.

Among the other items not to be missed are the Old Masters Gallery, the Modern Masters Gallery and the collection of French and Italian Renaissance and baroque bronzes.

The Dresden exhibit will continue through June 3, 1979. The Palace of the Legion of Honor is located in Lincoln Park which is served by MUNI lines #1 California, #2 Clement and #38 Geary. A special shuttle bus will bring visitors from the bus line to the museum. The display is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, but weekday mornings are the best time to visit because the lines are shorter. Whenever you go, the last admission ticket each day will be sold at 2:45 p.m. No strollers, cameras or umbrellas are allowed inside the museum but there are facilities to check these items for a small fee. Further information can be obtained by calling (415) 546-4888.



HAND TO HAND COMBAT PRACTICE?? No, just Giovanni Susini's bronze, "Paris Abducting Helen" one of the masterworks to be seen in The Splendor of Dresden exhibit.

Marin County offers privacy, and wealth

by Mariette Fillman

Marin County's charming towns await the city-weary visitor yearning for escape.

Most communities here lie away from eight-lane US Hwy. 101. Isolation means status and privacy, and residents pay dearly for it. The wealth for which Marinites are famous buys secluded homes in the woods, on the hills, by the ocean, and in the Bay.

For all its avant-garde '70s reputation, Marin's history parallels that of the Bay Area. Place names here were inspired by Spanish and Anglo settlers, and the Coast Miwok Indians, who inhabited the area over 3,000 years ago.

"Sausalito," for example, is Spanish for "little grove of willows." Olema, on the Point Reyes peninsula, is the Miwok word for "coyote." "A place where wood is cut" (Corte Madera in Spanish) supplied the Presidio with lumber in the nineteenth century.

The names of 25 Marin towns are hidden in this puzzle. They read in all directions — backward, forward, up, down, and diagonally. Find the listed names and circle them.

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BOLINAS
CORTE MADERA
DILLON BEACH
FAIRFAX
FALLON
GREENBRAE
IGNACIO
INVERNESS
KENTFIELD
LAGUNITAS
LARKSPUR
MARSHALL
MILL VALLEY
NICASIO
NOVATO
OLEMA
POINT REYES STATION
ROSS
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SAN RAFAEL
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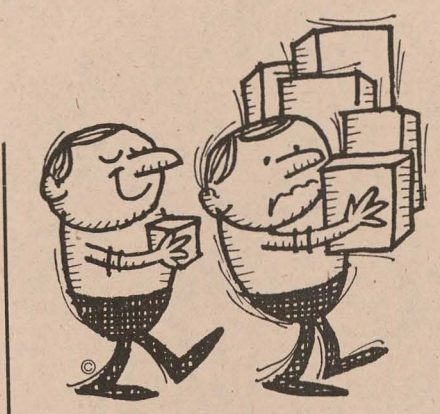
Peak moving season has arrived

Washington (ARNEWS) — An Army Sergeant First Class experienced difficulty in moving his household goods when the mover cancelled pickup. The sergeant's landlord threatened to put the soldier's property out in the street if it was not out of the house by a particular date. To prevent this, three personal property shipping office (PPSO) personnel spent almost five hours looking for a carrier to pick up the sergeant's shipment and put it in storage.

A Lieutenant General's household goods were not delivered on a requested date and when the carrier did deliver the shipment, it was damaged. Noting considerable damage when the van arrived, the PPSO Inspector requested a photographer and notified the owner of the storage firm. An executive from the storage firm and an attorney visited the General's quarters where arrangements were made to have the necessarv repairs done.



Shipping household goods during the summer months, often identified as the peak moving season, presents problems for many military families. According to DA official, the problems many service members encounter when packing and shipping household goods include poor performance by the carrier, the carrier's inability to provide the necessary equipment and manpower (peak season demand), and poor communications among PPSO, member and carrier.

Good moves tend to go unnotices during the peak shipping season. From May-September 1977, a survey of 118,272 interstate domestic moves revealed that 88.5 percent of the moves were handled to the service member's satisfaction.

The problem with peak season moves, unfortunately, is not new, according to the official, and last summer was worse than usual. Military moves are down but civilian moves have risen considerably; and over half of all annual moves occur during a four-month period (May-September), said the official.

The basic problem, according to the official, is that both military and civilians compete for limited moving capabilities, to meet peak season demand, carriers may overcommit themselves leaving no excess capability. The result may be a snowball effect.

For example, a soldier's household goods may be packed one day with pickup set up for the next day. The mover fails to show up the following day because the van scheduled to haul the shipment did not complete a previous job as expected. To smooth out the moving problems soldiers experienced, transportation officials have developed a program called operation "Smooth Move," which consists of four elements — a study of peak season problems, automation, career development and training programs for military and civilians in transportation, and soldier awareness of their entitlements and responsibilities.

Automating personal property moving and storage functions at the installations could reduce the number of time-consuming manual tasks that installation transportation offices (ITO) performed, allowing more effective use of resources. Information on quality control, packing/moving companies, storage, and inbound and out-bound personnel would be computerized, said the official. Also, automated counseling would be used to make sure soldiers were aware of their shipping entitlements and responsibilities. After preparing the paperwork necessary for shipping the goods, information on the soldier's move could be transmitted to the destination ITO.

To identify the factors contributing to the problems service members encounter during summer moves, a peak season survey will be conducted, according to the official. The survey will be used to determine what changes are necessary to ease the summer crunch. "Smooth Move" will also emphasize training for personnel, military and civilian, in the transportation field. Currently, no entry-level traffic management officer specialty position exists. Transportation officials hope to add such a specialty, so newly commissioned transportation officers can be instructed in traffic management. Other efforts will change the DA staffing guide for ITO's to add junior and NCO officer positions. These positions will offer experience at the installation level early in their careers.

Operation "Smooth Move" is underway with many of the elements scheduled to be completed by spring 1979, said the official.

The packers do it all, right?

"Don't we just tell you when we want to move and then you take it from there?"

If you're a servicemember or dependent and think that's all there is to moving your household goods, you're in trouble.

When it's time, again, to pick up those military roots and plant them at a different duty station, knowing your responsibilities is extremely important. In fact, according to Traffic Management Specialist Tom Gray, many common problems in a move are actually caused by the servicemember and can be avoided with a little effort.

"First, you've got to care about how your household goods are treated," Gray explains. "I've had people say, 'I won't be here when the packers arrive, but my landlord has the keys'—and then they gripe later." The servicemember is his or her own best inspector in a household goods move — on pickup and delivery days — since it is not always possible for a government inspector to be there.

The member must be home between the hours of 8 and 5 (or 7 and 7 during the summer months). If the carrier cannot get in and has to return at a later time, the member will be charged and the move, perhaps, even delayed.

"I can't say this happens all the time," Gray says, "but it does happen. And it only has to happen once to you to make a dent in your wallet."

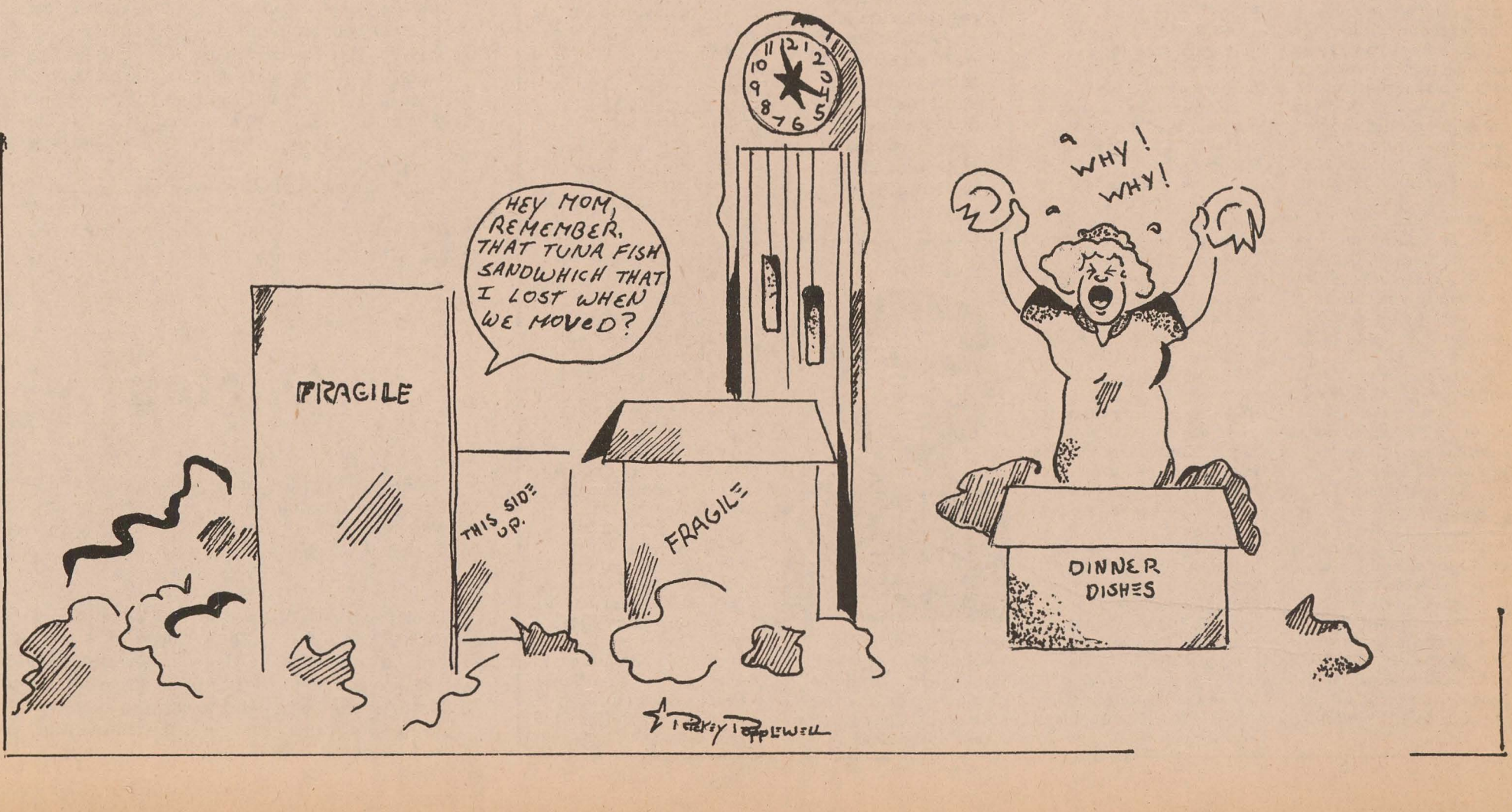
Also, it is the member's responsibility to have things ready to go, before the packers arrive, by removing and dismantling the TV antenna, disconnecting washing machines, and removing pictures from the wall.

"Get rid of things that can't be packed," Gray advises. Even though people know what can and cannot be moved, Gray says they often ignore the rules, hanging on to perishable foodstuffs, alcoholic beverages and plants until moving day.

Finally, don't pack anything yourself, unless you are willing to assume responsibility for damage resulting from improper packing; and don't sign any document before reading it.

"People have to understand that the carrier is not in business exclusively for them," Gray explains. "There are many factors involved in a move, and if problems arise, contact your Installation Transportation Officers — they're there to help. All in all, if you do your job well, your family possessions will have a much better chance of reaching their destination safely."

It's Your Move, a booklet which answers important questions about shipping your household goods, is available to all Servicemembers at local installation transportation offices. **It's Your Move** carries a Department of Defense publications number (DoD PA-13), as well as the following publication numbers for each Service: Army (DA Pam 55-2); Navy (NAVSUP PUB 380); Air Force (AFP 75-45); Marine Corps (NAVMC 2668); Coast Guard (CG 426).

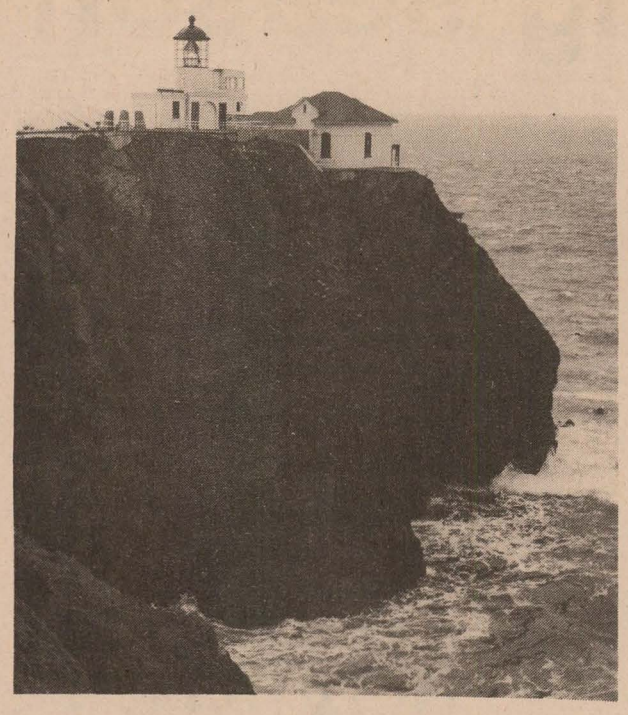


Point Bonita (continued from Page 1)

round this rock you will see the light house and the foot bridge, which is in the shape of the Golden Gate Bridge, which we must cross to the light house. The foot bridge was built after the 1906 earthquake. Before that there was a straight path to the light house. The earthquake destroyed the path as well as the keepers house which stood there on the left, but the light house was unharmed. The bridge was rebuilt in 1954 and again in 1979.

Ladies and Gentlemen! This is the light house at Point Bonita. On a clear day the light from this light house can be seen for 18 miles.

Just stand quietly for a few minutes and listen to the sound of thunderous waves ricocheting off the rugged rocks below. Observe the majestic vastness of the ocean and the perilous beauty of the coast line. When the fog sneaks in, a person becomes engulfed in a cool moist world of fantasy and dreams which can change with every explosive crash of waves. It becomes hypnotically fascinating to watch the ever changing mood of the deep blue sea.



Thornton captures speech title; will compete in Finals soon

Toastmistress Gene Thornton captured first place in the Speech Contest sponsored by the Presidiannes Toastmistress Club held last Weds., Feb. 27 at the PSF Officers' Club.

The six minute speech highlighted some of the more recent advances women have made in the Army. Gene should know — she's a Captain herself, currently assigned to Post Headquarters as Chief, Administrative Services Division of the Adjutant's Office.

In addition to her relaxed manner and forceful delivery, judges, club members and guests alike responded to her enthusiastic insights into the advancement in status and acceptance experienced by servicewomen in the last few years.

Gene will represent the Presidiannes on March 17 when she competes against winners from the sixteen other Bay Area Toastmistress Clubs.

Kathy Summers, a former Major in the Army Nurse Corps, took second place with her inspiring speech on "Women as Competitors." Like Gene, Kathy has plenty of first hand experience in her subject matter. She began a new career late in life as the Coordinator of the Women's Reentry to Education Program and as a Nursing Instructor at City College of San Francisco. For her efforts, she was mentioned in the 1st Edition of **Who's Who Among Women in Education.**

The third place winner was Emily Bilby, club president. Her topic was Security. She entitled her introspective speech, "A feather in the Wind" which fully complimented her examination of security's here-today gone-tomorrow properties. Emily is a DOD civilian assigned to the Headquarters Commandant s office.

Each of the five contestants randomly selected her topics from sealed envelopes prepared by the Club. In each envelope were three topics. In Gene's envelope, for example, were the words "progress" "economics," and "depletion." She then chose to speak on Progress of the Women in the Army. The contestants had two weeks to develop their topics, keeping in mind that a speech under 5 minutes or over 8 minutes meant automatic disqualification.

Judging talent came from within the Presidio community. Arline Adams is a past president of Pacifica Business and Professional Women's Club of San Francisco. She is a secretary in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, LAM.C.

Bill Clyde, Chief of the Training and Development Branch of the Civilian Personnel Office, is active in community Little Theatre, most recently appearing in **The Miracle Worker** here on post.

Wanda Greer is the Federal Women's Program Manager and chairperson for the Presidio's Federal Women Committee. She has been recently nominated for the Top Hat award sponsored by the Professional Businesswomen's Club.

Toastmistress Clubs are open to all who wish to join — men and women. Certain aspects of club training are recognized by CPO and rewarded by training certificates. Presidannes meet the 2nd and 4th Weds. of each month.

Call Joy Schroder at 561-2045 for more information.

RED CROSS MONTH: Service to The military

"I have had a barrel of apple sauce made today and given out every spoonful of it with my own hands. I have cooked ten dozen eggs . . . washed hands and faces, put ice on hot heads . . . written six soldier letters home, stood beside three death-beds . . . and now, at this hour, midnight, I am too sleepy and stupid to write. . . ."

Those words were written in late 1864, while the Civil War was raging. The writer was Clara Barton, founder of the American National Red Cross.

It was this tradition of service to the U.S. Armed Forces which the present-day American National Red Cross inherited, and it is particularly brought to the nation's attention during March, which is presidentially proclaimed as National Red Cross Month. The means to render its services were spelled out in the Red Cross Charter granted in 1905 by the U.S. Congress.

Two clauses which provide the basis for the services to the Armed Forces read:

"To furnish aid to the sick and wounded of the Armed Forces."

"To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Armed Forces."

Tens of thousands of times each year, approximately 45,000 volunteer workers in Red Cross chapters throughout the nation provide needed services to military families.

How do these volunteers help?

A sailor learns that his mother is dying. He is flown by military aircraft to a base in the United States. Once there he goes to the local Red Corss field director who loans him the necessary money to fly home.

A young wife with two children, her husband overseas, is having financial trouble and desperately needs her husband. If necessary, the husband can be flown back for a visit, during which the field director sits down and helps the two of them come up with a workable budget.

"Red Cross is an organization of physical action, of instantaneous action; it cannot await the ordinary deliberation of organized bodies if it would be of use to suffering humanity..."

Clara Barton, Red Cross founder

Not too long ago, the families of thousands of missing prisoners of war waited anxiously for word of their loved ones. It was often the Red Cross, working with Red Cross organizations of other countries, that was able to get word back that an imprisoned loved one was still alive.

At Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, D.C., the organization's Armed Forces Reporting Unit (AFRU) maintains a linkup with military communications around the world. Primarily, the AFRU is used to aid military members in situations concerning serious illnesses, death or other family emergencies.

The American National Red Cross also has an active working arrangement with the Navy Relief Society, Army Emergency Relief and Air Force Aid Society to assist military families in meeting emergencies.

Red Cross volunteers also work with patients in military hospitals, aiding with such services as those provided by Clara Barton—letter writing, visiting and shopping.

During Red Cross Month and all year long, the spirit of Clara Barton still lives.

—Philip R. Smith Jr.

AER Program

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) program is the Army's way of financially taking care of its own. AER provides support to soldiers facing financial problems due to circumstances beyond their control.

General, AER can provide assistance in the following areas:

1. Loss of pay or other personal funds to the extent required for health and welfare.
2. Emergency medical expenses not covered by CHAMPUS.
3. Some funeral expenses of immediate family of service members.
4. Some travel expenses incurred by leave of an emergency nature to include expenses involved in dependents meeting authorized port calls.
5. Payment of initial rent and deposits or payment to prevent eviction.
6. Non-receipt of pay, allotments or allowance when all resources of the finance office are exhausted to the extent required for health and welfare.
7. Privation of dependents due to emergencies not covered elsewhere.
8. Confidential cases.

—Contributions from Army members, active and retired, enable AER to:

*Provide emergency financial assistance to Army members (active and retired) and their families to relieve distress.

*Continue to fulfill role of helping Army take care of its own.

—All contributions to AER are tax deductible:

*As gifts to a charitable organization.

*For Income and Estate tax purposes.

—You may want to contribute:

*During Fund Campaign at local Army installation, or

*Send to AER Officer at most Army installations, or

*Send to Army Emergency Relief, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314.

Recreation Center offers tours and Fun Nite Program

LAKE TAHOE SKI WEEKEND TRIP: On March 16, the Recreation Center and Outdoor Recreation Dept. will transport 10 lucky people to our North Lake Tahoe Condo. The price is $15.00, this will include transportation, ski equipment, sleeping accommodations, a few meals, and a lift ticket. To register come up to the Log Cabin, Bldg. 1299 after 5 p.m.

LIVE ROCK BAND: Yes, a real live Rock and Roll Band will be at Your Recreation Center (Log Cabin) on March 24 at 8 p.m. till ? So, if you are looking for something or someone different to occupy that Sat. Nite fever, come up and check us out.

WINE TOUR: To the world famous Sonoma County Vineyards on March 25. Yes, on that date the Recreation Center will charter a motor coach and transport only 38 people to some of the oldest, and finest, vineyards in northern CA . Come to Bldg. 1299 and register TODAY.

WEDNESDAY NITE is Rock and Roll nite at the old Rec. Center. So if you are wondering where everybody is next Wed. nite between 9 p.m. and midnight, come up to the Log Cabin and find out where "It's" at.

Quotes

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." *-James Madison*

"The constitution of the United States is a glorious standard ...founded in the wisdom of God ...established ...by the hands of wise men ...raised up for this very purpose. It is to all those who are privileged with the sweets of liberty like the cooling shades and refreshing waters of a great rock in a thirsty and weary land." *-Joseph Smith*

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Dollar a day is d— —d poor pay

J. Phillip Langellier

An old Army adage protested that "a dollar a day is d—d poor pay," but many a nineteenth century soldier would have settled for this princely sum. In fact, from 1870 until the turn-of-the century a private earned but $13 a month!

From this basic pay, an individual automatically lost twelve and a half cents to support the Soldiers' Home in Washington, D.C. This deduction represented only the beginning of the trooper's financial woes. Many a man had received credit from the post trader, settler, or other civilian merchant who required immediate repayment. Considerations for the company barber, tailor, cobbler, and laundress usually followed. Then, too, troops often supplemented their poor, monotonous rations by purchasing canned goods, pies, and a number of other foodstuffs, which more often than not, represented necessities as much as they did luxuries.

If, somehow, a soldier paid off his debts, he might send a few cents home to his family, or deposit a portion of his salary with the paymaster, which could not be withdrawn until discharge time. Since many factors caused paydays to take place on an infrequent basis, a number of men failed to set aside anything. Instead, gambling and drinking sprees sometimes ensued. The Officer of the Day had the dubious honor of rounding up the men after their payday activities. On one instance a bystander recalled that "one of the men, full of liquor and beer, grabbed the Officer of the Day, took his belt off and threw him under the billiard table." While the guard regularly filled the post's cells during these periods, the real punishment might come the next morning when "some of the boys got up with large feeling heads" as one old-timer recalled.

Adding still more to the bleak financial picture was the fact that the U.S. Army only paid in "greenbacks" until 1879, in lieu of specie. Here in San Francisco, where gold and silver were the common means of exchange, paper currency was discounted ten per cent. In some areas this deduction represented as much as fifty percent of face value! If high desertion rates plagued officers of this time, one can easily sympathize with the economic hardships faced by uniformed personnel in the post Civil War era.

All these difficulties paled, however, when compared to an incredible series of events which took place in 1876 and 1877. During the former year, the Sioux and Cheyenne left their observations, thereby triggering one of the most extensive campaigns ever launched against the American Indian.

One part of the pincer to drive the Plains Warriors back to their government reserves followed Brigadier General George Crook. Crook's "tough-as-nails" attitude prompted an unknown trooper to pen these bitter words as a song:

"But 'twas upon the Yellowstone we had the damnedest time.
Faith, we made the tip with Rosebud George (General Crook)
Six months without a dime."

Faring better

Crook's men may have done without pay and lived on meager rations in the field, but at least they fared better than their comrades who formed a second part of the expedition. Hundreds of these men, serving under Lieutenant-Colonel George Armstrong Custer, died with their pockets full on July 25, 1876. The dollar bills could be seen blowing around the Little Big Horn area for days after the infamous fight.

The next year, 1877, proved equally as demanding. Chief Joseph and his Ney Perce made for Canada, while the Apaches wreaked havoc in the Southwest. Massive railroad strikes required some 60,000 Federal and National Guard troops to restore order. The Secretary of War summed up the situation in these words:

Presidio troops in 1877 **could well afford to relax around the Post Suttler's store playing billiards or talking, since they had no money to buy drinks or to gamble with for several months that year. (Presidio Army Museum Photograph)**

The Indian hostilities, the unsettled state of affairs on the Mexican Border, the serious disturbances in some states of the interior, all coming together and each demanding attention ... was a severe tax upon our small and scattered Army.

Adding insult to injury, when Congress adjourned on March 4, they failed to vote on the Army appropriations bill for the next fiscal year. This meant that on June 30, 1879 officers and men alike could not draw a further cent, by constitutional limitation.

The newly elected President, Rutherford B. Hayes, suggested to his Cabinet that an extra session of Congress would have to be called so that the Army could receive its funds. For political reasons these advisors talked the President out of this course of action. Consequently, the inevitable happened.

No complaints

General Winfield Scott Hancock, commanding the Division of the Atlantic, noted that "the troops were paid punctually to the 30th of June, since which time they have, of course, received no pay." He continued, "I am gratified to say that so far as my knowledge goes, they have borne the deprivation uncomplainingly ..."

With Congress on summer vacation, the military had to find some way to subsist until they reconvened. Fortunately, under the rather expansive provisions of Section 3732, Revised Statutes, the War Department could continue to contract for: forage, fuel, clothing, quarters and traansportation, even without appropriations. Vendors responded to the Army's advertisements for credit, and took the opportunity to raise their prices in the bargain to offset the delayed payments.

This meant that the men had a barracks roof over their head at least, with food on the table and a uniform on their backs. If a man found himself on detached service, however, then it became a more complex matter to live. Loans, aid from family and friends, and even charity might become necessary in these cases. Surprisingly, theft rates did not sky-rocket, and indeed, desertion rates went down by over eight hundred cases from the previous year. No statistics exist to indicate if a few enterprising individuals earned extra dollars through gambling. Even without cash, enterprising souls were known to substitute items of issue as the stakes in a promosing game.

Officers had to find their way through the financial maze too. Some went unaffected in the possessed independent means, usually as a result of family connections. Others made so since they received outside income from "moonlighting," all too often, a necessary practice in the nineteenth century military. Officers such as Anson Mills reaped the rewards of his cloth cartridge belt design, an invention which sold well much to this ingenious individual's credit right after the Civil War. Yet another industrious man in uniform, Henry M. Roberts, could depend on a degree on royalties from his now famous **Rules of Order** which first appeared in print during 1876, nearly a year before the money crunch struck the military.

Those officers who were not fortunate enough to have supplemental income looked to other sources of revenue. One area of dubious aid came from the New York banking house of Drexel, Morgan and Company who in May of 1877 offered to advance money against the security of officers' pay vouchers. In a letter to the Secretary of War the firm stated:

> **The failure of Congress to perform what appears to us an obvious and sacred duty - namely, the making of necessary appropriations for the pay of officers and men of our Army, and our desire to prevent, if possible, inevitable loss and distress to a class of men whose interest, in our judgment, command the greatest and most earnest solicitude of the country, prompts us ... to loan officers up to ninety-five percent of their pay at six percent interest.**

While this seemed generous by today's standards, the interest rates were high for the period.

Even if the bankers demanded their "pound of flesh" the Attorney General of the United States

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Letters to the Editor

Visitation privileges

Dear Editor,

There's something that's been on my mind and I would like to express this concern to you. It's concerning visitation privileges among male and female soldiers.

In my opinion, co-ed visitation privileges are almost a must. For you see, in the military homosexuality is condemned, but soldiers are in an environment that conduces such an act. I feel it's against the common laws of nature not to allow men and women to socialize in the barracks.

Also, if men and women are mature enough to join the service, they should be given more privileges to let their mature outlook grow.

Co-ed privileges have been experimented on many different military posts and proved to be successful.

I'm sure that if such an experiment were tried here, it would show just how well mature individuals can handle themselves.

Sincerely,
Jeffery Flournoy

Reserved parking

Dear Editor,

This is to voice dissatisfaction of the parking situation on the Presidio.

Why is it that most parking places are reserved? Also why is it that most parking places are reserved for higher ranking personnel?

It is the opinion of this person that all parking spaces, except the Commanding General of the Post or Post Commander, be open to all at a first come, first space, system.

At this time, I would also point out the LAMC has done away with the reserved system, except for the Doctors regulated lot.

Also let it be known, that a lot of Military Police man hours are being wasted in the early morning, directing traffic to designated parking areas in a supposedly reserve free area.

There is a solution to every problem, so here may be one if we have to have reserved parking places. Let these spaces be reserved for that specific building and not a specific Unit.

Thank you for hearing me out,
THIS SPACE IS RESERVED

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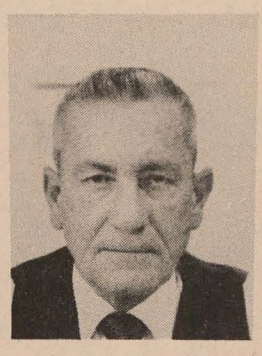
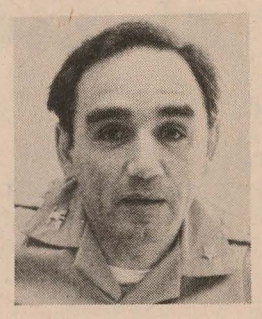
Ramblin' Sam

Should the draft be brought back? Should women be drafted?

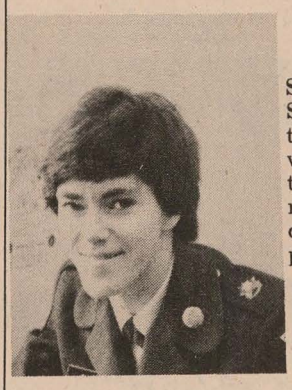


Mr. Robert Peterson, Contingency Plans Specialist, DCSOPS — "Yes, the all volunteer uniformed services are not working. They are way below strength figures. We have given the volunteer system a chance and it is not working. I agree with letting women volunteer for service. Drafting women goes against my principles. I believe they do it in other countries but they shouldn't do it here."

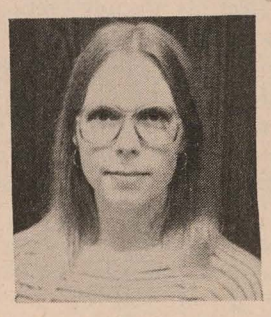


Colonel Gustavo Leon, Senior National Guard Advisor, Sixth Army — "I think the draft should be re-instated because it is very evident that the total volunteer force cannot maintain its strength. Also, the reserve component is in even worse condition. Fifty five per cent of our combat forces are in the reserve! The draft should be reinstated to fill the deficit. People also don't realize how much we need the reserve. Right now there are enough women getting on active duty, but if women really want equal rights, then maybe we should draft them."

Sp5 Joretta Robinson, Admin Specialist, SGS, Sixth Army — "Therre should be a draft during war, but not during peacetime."

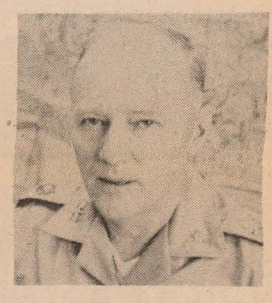


Sp5 Mary Dailey, Admin Specialist, DCSOPS — "Yes, the present structure will never work. It is necessary to have the draft to meet emergency requirements. Women should be drafted to fill the ranks of depleted male personnel."



Ms. Dee Houck, Secretary to Asst. Chief of Staff, Sixth Army — "Yes, because it would give people a good chance to get a better view of the world. It would show them that there is more to the world than a little town that they live in. I feel the same for women."

Sue Kemp, Community Relations, Sixth Army Public Affairs Office — "Yes, you get a higher caliber of personnel. It's getting harder and harder to keep good soldiers in today because benefits are eroding. As far as women, yes. Women want equality, so, okay, they are going to get it."



Colonel Richard McCall, Army Reserve Advisor, Sixth Army — "The draft should be reinstated. The only way we can meet the manpower needed is to draft to meet the needs of a war plan. Let's draft into the reserve first. I would not want to see women in combat jobs, but I would see no problem for a limited draft of women for non-combat duties."

Editorial

VOLAR should not be scrapped

by Tom Tiernan

For the first time since the formation of the All-Volunteer Force in 1972, all four services have failed to reach their recruiting goals. This fact coupled with the acute shortage of soldiers in the Ready Reserves could spell the end of the volunteer Army.

Congressional leaders are now considering implementing a peace time draft. Those who favor such a move do so because they feel that in addition to solving the two problems already mentioned, it will also improve the quality of the soldiers and their ability to defend the country.

I fully recognize the need for the draft. I, however, disagree that the volunteer Army should be scrapped.

One overlooked fact by those who want the draft is that the Army ended 1978 with more soldiers than authorized by Congress. This was due to the outstanding reenlistment efforts of the Army's career counselors.

A draft would not necessarily improve the quality of the soldiers in today's Army beyond what it already is. In 1978 more than 73 per cent of the recruits entering the service were high school graduates. Each year thousands of soldiers already on active duty graduate from colleges and universities around the world.

The effectiveness of the Army to defend the country would be somewhat improved because the draft might cause some people to join the reserves, thus providing a better back up force. But whether it would improve the active force is questionable. Morale in today's Army is good, since its soldiers are there because they want to be there, and they are committed to getting the job done. This will not be the case in the drafted Army.

A draft which would fill the ranks of the Ready Reserves seems more preferable than scrapping an organization which has met and exceeded its overall manpower goals. To draft young men and women to come on active duty for basic and advanced individual training and then be placed in reserve units in their hometowns would gain far more acceptance and be a logical alternative.

Not only would this system fill the over 500,000 ranks of the reserve force, it would also provide a ready and working system for drafting personnel for the active force, should the need ever arise.

There will be those among the American people who will oppose any form of the draft. It is their right to do so. But in exercising this right they should remember the words of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. — "I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

ED Note: This editorial was written prior to General Bernard Rogers' Army Chief of Staff's testimony in Congress which called for the drafting of men to serve six months on active duty and then be placed into the reserves with a once a year refresher.

201 file speaks out

by John Reckner

I'd like to introduce myself to all service members. I am your military Personnel Records Jacket, commonly referred to as 201 file. While you are stationed at the Presidio, or at a unit supported by the Presidio, I have temporary quarters in COMPACT, Building 86. Although I am assigned temporary quarters (you'll take me when you leave on PCS, ETS, or retirement), I'm at work for you each and every day in the fields of actions and management.

My health depends on the interest you take in me, and what you include in my diet. Just as a healthy body requires certaom fppds om ots doet, I too require certain documents and actions on your part to keep me healthy and at work for you.

My heart consists of a DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency Data), and VA Form 29-8286 (Servicemen's Group Life Insurance Election). When the information on either of these two important forms is inaccurate or out of date, the heart fails to function properly, and can cause serious problems for your survivors if something were to happen to you. Payment of survivor benefits and insurance can be seriously affected when the heart is not in proper working order. To help alleviate any possible problems, we ask you to review these forms annually during your birth month. This doesn't mean changes can't be made at other times. Marriages, divorces, births of children, deaths of those persons now listed on the form should be immediately reported to COMPACT so that the appropriate changes can be made.

The rest of my body consists of your Personnel Qualification Records, listing all assignments, (SIDPERS printout) orders for awards and decorations, MOS orders, letters of appreciation and dommendation, and at times, letters of reprimand, copies of Article 15's, and records of courts-martial. Although the last three items aren't too good for your career, they are required to have a complete record. The other items, the good things that you've done can help to improve my health when the bad items go into the record.

When you, the service member, keep me healthy, your problems can be very few. When you don't take an interest in my health, there can be many bad effects. A current record, verified by you, is of utmost importance in relation to nearly every personnel consideration and decision affecting you. Promotion points computation, reevaluation and recomputation twice yearly depend on an "up-to-the-minute" 201 file. Schools attended, correspondence courses completed, awards and test results must be reflected by the record, only you can ensure the record is complete. If yo you fail to do this, promotions, future schools and special assignment consideration may be denied.

In closing I just want to remind you again that my health depends on you. I can't stress enough the importance of your 201 file. Remember, I am located at COMPACT Records Section, Presidio of San Francisco, Building 86 and the keepers of the records are always ready and willing to help you keep me straight. Work fir m me and I'll work for you.

For further information contact MSgt. Douglas Grapes or Sfc Dennis Wilson, ext. 2775, or 4920

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

Spec 5 Artric Shelton is the newest arrival at the HHD 504th MP Company. He comes to the Presidio from that Middle East hot spot — Iran. Leaving soon will be Spec 4 Jeff Courder, he's head for Korea. Adding new stripes thhs week were SSgt. Joseph McCullough and Sgt. Dennis Jesse. Spec 4s Teresa Celler and Eike Williams are the company's latest graduates of the Primary Leadership Course.

The U.S. Army Communications Command here offers congratulations to Sgt. 1st Cl. Donald L. Carpenter for being selected for promotion to master sergeant, and to Sgt. Julie R. Cortez upon her reenlistment. Sgt. Cortez will be heading for beautiful Hawaii in November. The command welcomes Sgt. Benjamin Gardener and says farewell to Spec 5 Mike Hinds and Spec 4 David Newman who are ETSing.

A good friend of the Star Presidian and Troop Talk informant, Spec 4 Bernard Pauly from the HQ Sixth Region CID Command is ETSing. Thanks to him for all his help.

Over at Company D, 864th Engineers, Spec 5 Geroge Reebe is PCSing to Germany and Spec 4 Mike Claunet is ETSing. Joining the company are Sgt. Randall Runyon and PV2 Elvis Williams. Charles Hamilton was recently promoted to Spec 5.

A bunch of stripes were handed out this week to folks assigned to Headquarters Company, USAG. Promoted to Pfc were Debbie Wells and Carlos Corbitt, to PV2 were Wayne Polk, Aaron May, and Phillip Waite. Several new arrivals were welcomed to the company; Sgt. 1st Cl. Larry Rivers, Spec 5 Richard Stieger, Pfc Laura Madrid, and Pv2 Gary Philbrink.

The 170th MP Company has a new commander, Capt. Ercell Grimes. Also joining the company this week was Spec 4 Carlos Almodovar.

Last week five soldiers were interviewed by Channel 7 news on their views on the return of the draft and the volunteer Army. Although only two of them appeared on the program, all five did a fine job Representing the 504th MP Battalion were Sgt. Vicki Kelley, Spec 4 Nathaniel Jones and Pfc Barney Olin. From the 16th Ag Detachment Spec 4s Patricia Clar and Craig Thompson presented their views. Also appearing was LTG Eugene P. Forrester.

Quote of the Weed: George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Silence is the perfect expression of scorn."

March 17th Fact and Fancy of St. Pat's Day

A good storyteller never lets facts stand in the way of fancy. This is particularly so among the storytellers of Irish lore. A popular Irish song tells of how St. Patrick, whose special day is observed on March 17, banished all of the snakes from Ireland:

"Twas on the top of this high hill
St. Patrick preached the sarmint
That drove the frogs the frogs into the bogs,
and banished all the varmint."

The fact is, say experts, that it's doubtful thatthat Ireland ever had snakes, considering the country's climate and isolated situation. But fancy maintains that one fateful day, St. Patrick, accompanied by the furious beating of a big drum, arrived at the hill from which he was going to banish the reptiles. The people who had gathered to watch the spectacle cried out when the drum broke because they believed that St. Patrick's magic power was dependent upon it. But an angel appeared and mended the drum, and St. Oatrick then preached his sermon, and the snakes and vermin were drive from Ireland.

St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations continue to be popular among those of Irish ancestry and others who enjoy the festivities of March 17.

How did this Irish celebration gain such momentum in the United States

According to the Irish author, Brendan Behan, the entire celebration was started by early Irish immigrants to show critics of the Irish that they had better thange their minds since there were so many folk from the Old Sod in this country who were not about to leave it. Thus, St. Patrick's Day observances have become a special tribute to those with Irish connections — by fact or by fancy.

BASKETBALL TROPHY . . . Members of the Sixth US Army Intramural Basketball Team present their second place trophy for the PSF Intramural Basketball Championship Tournament to LTG Eugene P. Forrester, Commanding General, Sixth Army. The team had an 11 and 1 record for the season and were 2 and 2 for the tournament.

Team members shown are, from left, Sp5 Frank Cannon, Sp4 Robert Clipper III, Sfc Charles Williams, Cpt. O.B. McCane, Jr., Sp5 Bobby Brooks, Cpt. Bill Lixey and Cpt. Jim Tyndall. Additional team members were Sfc Charles Harris, Cpt. Robert Norren, SSgt. Don Elliott — coach and player, Col. R.G. Ament, Maj. Donald Thompson, Maj. Jack Golphenee, and Cpt. Robert Bryant. (US Army Photo by Bill Malkiel)

PSF Tennis Club

SOCIAL — The PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB will hold its first social event (informal) on April 1 at the Presidio Yacht Club at Fort Baker. The activities will include a short meeting, tennis and ski movies, and then refreshments (champagne, sodas, and cheese). The cost is $1.00 per person to cover the cost of the Yacht Club and the clean up after the party.

The main purpose of this event to introduce the members of THE PRESIDIO TENNIS club to each other and of course, to have fun. This event is for the adult members of the club only. If you plan to attend, please fill out the blank below and send it to RALPH CRUIKSHANK.

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TO: RALPH CRUIKSHANK
Readiness Group PSF, 94129

Yes, I plan to attend. Enclosed is my check for _____dollar(s) payable to Treasurer, PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB (Please no later than March 28, 1979).

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TOURNAMENTS — This Club intends to challenge all clubs in the Bay Area within the next six months. The players selected for inter-club matches will be those active members of club ladders. The first intra-club matches have been set for March 31 and April 1 (trophies to be awarded at the party Sunday) on courts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Matches will be pro-sets, 8 games, with a 12 point tie-breaker. Registration form and entry fees must be received by Team Captains not later than March 23. Entry fees are $3.00 per team and $2.00 singles. For further information contact Lynn Rasmussen (5257).

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TENNIS LESSONS — A new session of lessons are starting the wekk of March 25. Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Advance Groups Lessons are offered. Also available are Private Lessons given by our club pro. Lessons dates and times (subject to change because of interest or lack of interest) are: BEGINNERS Wednesdays 7-9 or Fridays 430-630; ADVANCED BEGINNERS Thursdays 8-10 or Sundays 11-1; INTERMEDIATE Saturday 10-12 or Sunday 9-11 or Monday 7-9; ADVANCE Tuesdays 7-9 or Sunday 1-3; Private Lessons are scheduled to your convenience. COST. 10 hours of groups instruction (five - two hour sessions) $45.00. Private lessons are $16.00 per hour. For lesson information call Dee at 3820.

LADDER INFORMATION - THE PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB'S ladders have been formed and posted in the Maan Gym, but it is not too late to sign up for the ladders. There are five categories Men's Singles (A, B & C), Women's (A, B & C) Singles, Mixed Singles Ladder (1), Mixed Doubles (1) and 18 and Under Ladder. To get put on a ladder or for more ladder information contact BJ or Lynn Rasmussen 929-9155.

CONTEST TIME — Since the PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB is publishing a monthly newsletter we need a good name for it. So we are having a contest. NAME THAT NEWSLETTER and the prize is a free private lesson. So get your ideas in to JACK BRYANT 785B Sanches Street, Presidio of San Francisco, CA. Contest ends March 27.

Crime Scene

by Don Delver

The young woman lay in her back yard soaking up the sun's warmth. She nodded, close to sleep and a dreamy half smile crossed her lips as she recalled a pleasant flirtation. The barking from inside her house seemed almost unreal as it slowly called her to wakefulness. Resentfully, she looked around to see who had disturbed her dogs, and her. The furtive movement in the shrubbery several houses down caught her attention, and she stood up to get a better view. She couldn't be certain, but it looked like someone was crouching behind the shrubs, near a window of her neighbors quarters.

"Probably just kids," she said, but something inside her wouldn't let it rest with that explanation. "What if it isn't just kids? What if it's someone trying to break in?" "I can't go down there dressed like this," she thought, "and besides, if it is a burglar I could get hurt!"

Wisely, she decided to phone the police. The desk sergeant asked her a few specific questions, and immediately dispatched a patrol. The MP's were on the scene moments after she hung up, and although the young child they found crouching in the bushes wasn't a burglar, he was a frightened and hungry runaway who was very glad indeed that the MP's had found him.

Not every prowler call received by the MP's ends with the apprehension of a suspect or the discovery of a lost child, but every call does reduce the likelihood that your neighborhood will get burglarized. Several calls have resulted in arrests, but the single most important factor in the ability of the MP's or any police agency to protect a given neighborhood is the resident's willingness to call when something suspicious occurs. Word quickly gets out to the crooks **that a certain neighborhood** is one to avoid because the neighbors look out for each other, and this decreases the likelihood of the residents being victimized.

You are a full partner in the fight against residential burglary. If someone or something arouses your suspicions, don't be a pigeon! Call the police.

CPO Brief

by Mary Stump

Clerical positions make up the largest percentage of civilian jobs on the Presidio of San Francisco. Because of keen competition from civilian industry, the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) is constantly seeking qualified clerk typists.

If you are seeking employment and possess/clerical skills, the Presidio offers you job opportunities with the federal government.

Before securing a clerical position with the federal government, you must take a civil service exam. You may walk in and be tested in San Francisco, at the Federal Building, Room 2453, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Bring a completed application (Standard Form 171) with you to the test room. You may obtain a SF-171 by contacting the Job Information Center, telephone number 555-6667. Thes test room will open at or shortly before 12:30 p.m. Persons arriving late will not be admitted. Manual typewriters are furnished, but you may bring your own electric or manual machine if you wish. **You must bring a completed application with you to the test room. Persons failing to do so will not be admitted to the test room.**

Once you have taken the exam, you will be sent a rating. This rating will show you at which level or levels you qualify; such as GS-2, GS-3 Clerk Typist. When your name is certified to this office by the Office of Personnel Management, we will contact you for an interview.

The Government Bookstore, located in the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, offers for sale a booklet which will assist you in preparing for the clerical exam.

GRADE	HOURLY
GS-2	$3.57
GS-3	$4.02
GS-4	$4.51

And, most important, when filling out your application for federal employment be sure to indicate that you wish to work at the Presidio of San Francisco! Good Luck!

Reflections of Love

There is a tremendous need inside me needing to be filled.

There is a growing want inside me wanting to be thrilled.

There is an aching burn inside me burning for your touch.

There is a powerful love inside me loving for you so much.

There is a vacancy within my heart with room for you to share.

And you alone can fill this void by showing that you care.

I would not feign your affection if it passed along my way.

But gladly embrace it with open arms each night and every day.

I would take this love and cherish it, because its true love I have not known.

And it would put a glow within my soul to have someone of my own.

I gaze into the bluish sky with visions of you on my mind.

Hoping and praying that it is someone warm like you that I will eventually find.

This need, this want, this burn, this love, all desire to be set free.

You are the answer to all my problems, you just loving me.

–Broderick L. McIntyre, USAG
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Correspondence hot line

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) —Questions about Army correspondence courses may now be asked without delay — just by picking up the phone. Soldiers wanting information about the Army correspondence course program (ACCP) or wanting to check on the status of courses they're now taking, can get answers direct from the training and doctrine command (TRADOC) by the new "Code-a-Phone" service, officials there say.

Training specialists will answer soldiers questions via phone. Or, if soldiers call after duty hours, they can leave a recorded message and have calls returned. If soldiers do not have an AUTOVON phone where training specialists can call them, their questions will be answered by mail, according to officials.

The number for ACCP information is: AUTOVON 927-3085 or commercial (804) 873-3085.

Quotes

Affliction comes to us all, **not to make us sad, but sober; not to make us sorry, but wise . . . It is trial that proves one thing weak and another strong . . . A cobweb is as good as the mightiest cable when there is no strain upon it. -Henry Ward Beecher**

If any of you have a desire **to be mediocre, you will probably find that you have already achieved your ambition. —Hugh B. Brown**

What is it that makes **men suppose that they can more easily do twice tomorrow what they didn't do once today! —Richard L. Evans**

Roundball action

Army defeated the Air Force 76 to 72 for the second time in two days, to capture the Interservice Basketball Cahmpionship for the seventh straight year and 19 out of the last twenty-one years.

Paced by Ft. Sill's Larry Rogers, who scored 68 points in three games, Army took an early 10 to 4 lead in the first two minutes of play and held their lead throughout the half with a 37 - 36 score.

Both teams came out running in the second half with Army gaining a slight advantage as the Air Force team could not handle Army's offense. Harold Fox, driving for baskets and Gary Winton playing a strong inside game scored points for the Army to stay 6 to 8 points ahead of the Air Force throughout the second half. With 40 seconds to play and ahead by 6 points, coach Hal Fischer instructed his team to play possession ball to give him a 76 to 72 victory. Air Force Ron Brown was high scorer with 22 points, scoring 18 points in the first half. Gary Winton paced the Army with 16 points followed by Larry Rogers and Harold Fox with 15 and 14 points respectively. On their way to the cahmpionship in the double elimination tournament, Army defeated Navy 111 to 80, as Larry Rogers connected for 29 points. In their second game of the tournament, Army defeated the Air Force 94 to 84. Once again Larry Rogers led the powerful Army squad with 24 points.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the following individuals were selected to represent the Armed Forces in the National AAU Tournament and World Military Championship.

Army: Coach Hal Fischer, Manager Bobbie Gascon, Trainer Wilbert Logan

Players: Harold Fox Larry Warren, Larry Rogers, Pierre Fussell, Gary Winton and James King.

Air Force: C.J. Booker, Ron Brown, George Hester and Tom Schneeberger

Navy: Lee Foye

Marines: Keith Willis

The Armed Forces team will undergo training at the Presidio of San Francisco before proceeding to Ponco City, Oklahoma for the National AAU Championship.

POST RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Open Men's final is still uncompleted, as Jamie Yamamoto (LAMCO defeated Bill Jones (LAMC) 11-21, 21-13, 11-10, to force the "If" game. Both players have one defeat in the double elimination tournament. The winner of this final match will be the Post Champion. This game was very exciting as Yamamoto exploded for a comeback in the second game and held on to win the tiebreaker. Bill Jones, playing a steady game, tried hard as the outcome could have gone either way. These two are the better players seen on post in years.

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS (18 years and older)

Tennis lessons for adult active duty military, Reserve Components, retired and their dependents are scheduled for Fridays and Sundays, commencing April 6 1979. Ten one-hour lessons will be offered to beginners and intermediate players. The cost will be $45.00 for the ten hours. Fees are non-refundable except in case of insufficient registration. Fees must be paid at the Post Gym, Bldg. #63, not later than March 27. Instructor is Peter Van Comerik. Other classes will be conducted throughout the week upon demand (either by Peter Van Comerik or Carol Garcia).

ARMED FORCES BASKETBALL - PRACTICE GAMES

The Armed Forces Basketball Team will be playing at the Presidio, Gym #1 on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at Noon against two of the finest AAU teams in Northern California. A third game is tentatively scheduled for Noon on Saturday. The Armed Forces team will be competing in the National AAU Tournament at Ponco, Oklahoma, March 28 - 31. Come out and watch the finest basketball players in the Armed Forces compete against former college and professional players.

Youth Soccer League

Fred Kaas scored the lone goal as the Presidio Cosmos soccer team beat the Viking Spikes 1-0 in Red Division competition.

Strong defensive play was provided by Scot Szurek, Andy Jones, Don Svendsen and goalie Robert McAuley. The front line of Rocky Wicks, Kevin Blake, Scott Kim, Damon Rich, and Jody Cason kept the pressure on the Vikings throughout the game. Also aiding in the victory were Robert Linder, Michael Stojic, John McFarland and Andy Leon.

The Cosmos take on the Olympic Club at the Paul Goode Athletic Field at 11:15 a.m., this Saturday.

The Presidio Stompers downed the St. Elizabeth Eagles last week 1-0 on a free kick by Joey McGarry. The win upped the Stompers' record to 9-2-1 and kept them undefeated in second round play.

The match was a hard fought battle with goalie Vaughn Scott, and fllbacks Barbara Galvin and David Klarner maintaining the Stompers unscored-on-record through the fifth game of the second round.

The mid-fielders, Ivan Yelton, Xavier Delvalle, and Marco Saenz, backed up the Stompers forwards and provided several scoring opportunities. Halfback James Saldubehere defensively "marked" the Eagles scoring threat, spoiling many of their offensive plays.

Also adding to the win were Michael Carrillo, Ernie Boatner, James Ackerman, Kevin Gross, and Shaun Scott.

The Stompers meet the Westlake Scooters this Saturday at 1:45 p.m. at Presidio's Goode Field.

The Presidio Strickers ended the season with a 7 and 2 season earning them second place in the San Francisco Flame Soccer League. High scores for the team include All Star Forwards' Tim Cason, Sean Cruikshank, and Jimmy Flannery.

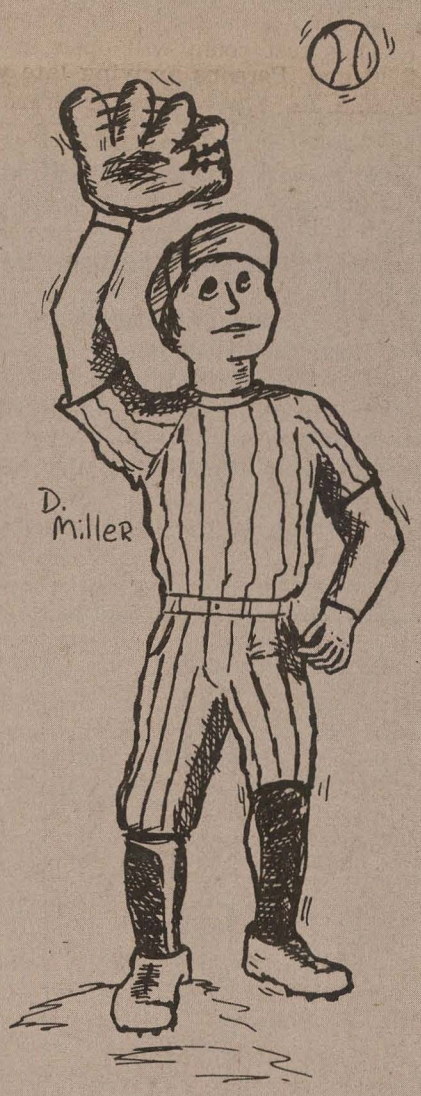
Other outstanding offensive members were Pat Watson, Dana Oxley, and Scott Woolford. A strong defensive line of Ralph Hamler, Blake Svendsen,

Ron Hastings, Chris Salter, Charlie Wilbur, Jason McLain, Gillian Rubino, Dan Watson and James Newton, helped keep the Strikers opponents scoring low.

Presidio's Earthquakes finished their season with a 2 and 2 record. Members of the team included Galen Lim, Jacquelyn Sowell, Marc Tanenbaum, Keith Morgan, Shawn Hirst, John Berry, Michael Bakerich, Brain Tracey, Victor McDonald, Darlene Kaas, Andrew Carrillo, Claudio Long, Mark Bevring, Brant Pollard, Anthony Kaas, and Alan Salter.

The Presidio Aztecs have wrapped up their "learning season" in the under 14 soccer league. High scorers for the 12 and 13 year olds were John Blake and Kenny McDonald with support on the front line from Gabriel Dadoun, David Glaubiger, Tae Kwan, and Vincent Rubino.

Defensive standouts included Andre Lafayette, Joe Mondoux, Billy Morgan, Ernst Kaas, Peter Speltz, Robert Pollard and Cameron Katsuyski. Guarding the Aztec net were goalies Rull Bailey and Misha Hudnell.



Little League

*** Registration will be March 24, 1979, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Post gym.

*** Tryouts for those registered will be March 31, 1979, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Pop Hicks field.

*** Ages will be as follows:

7 thru 10 years: Pee Wee league

11 and 12 years: Bantam league

13 and 14 years: Older league

*** Fees will be $3.00 per child or $6.00 per family.

*** Proof of age **must** be provided at time of registration.

*** For more inforration call SFC Hamler at ext. 5311.

Players name _____ Age_____

Address_____ DOB_____

Home phone_____ Sponsors office phone_____

Parents willing to coach or officiate, check box ☐

* * * Proof of age must be provided at time of registration

Poison Prevention Week

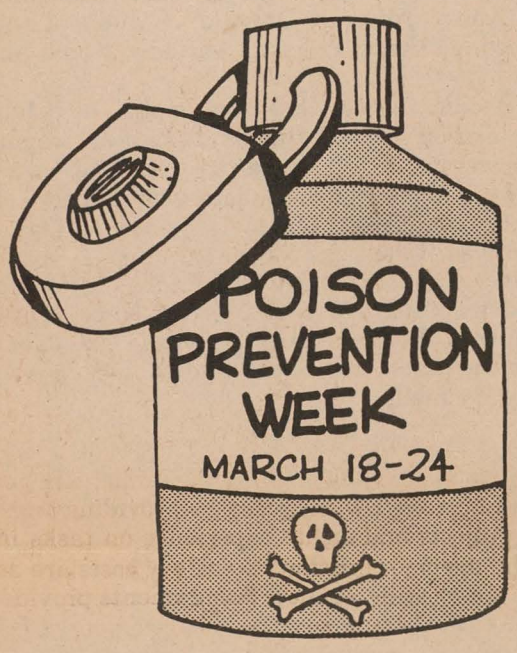
by Betsey Beuke

Nine out of ten victims of poisoning are preschool age children. Seventy-five percent of those poisonings occur when parents leave their children unattended for "just a moment." Children become victims of their own curiosity, often lured by bright, attractive packaging of cleaning products within easy reach.

For adults, poisoning may be the result of not following directions when taking a prescribed drug or when using a drug while drinking alcoholic beverages. Combined, some drugs and alcohol may compound the effects of each. Alcohol may assist in the continuous circulation of a drug — one meant to ciculate through the body once. The result may give a prolonged or unkown effect of many doses.

When takiing prescribed medication, individuals should check with their physicians to learn the dangers of combining medicine with other drugs or alcohol.

Giving a friend your prescribed drug to avoid a trip to the doctor could end a friendship. People who take someone else's medicine may experience adverse reactions to the medicine.



Poisons can get into the human body in several ways:

* Ingestion, swallowing poisons frequently occurs in children, adolescents and elderly people. Curiosity overcomes a child's initial fear when brightly packaged household products are left within easy reach.

For elderly people, small print and failing eyesight may caause them to misread prescription directions. They may take the wrong drug or an overdose of the right one.

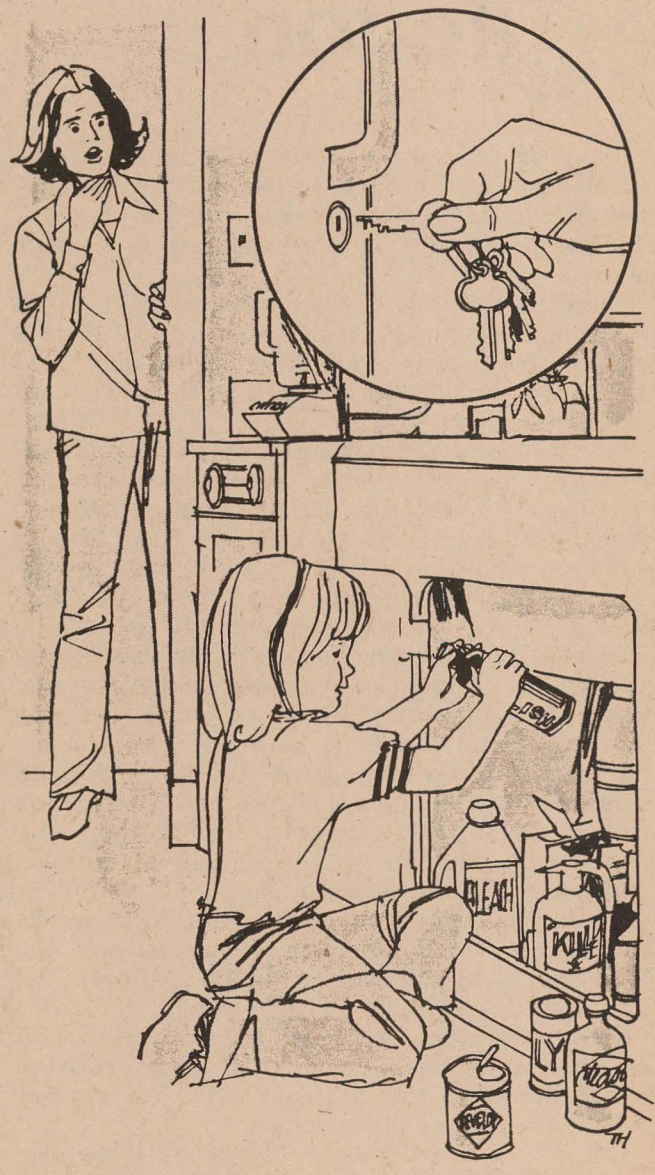
* Inhalation threatens all age groups. Some products produce toxic fumes and gases which affect the central nervous system and may cause blindness and death. Carbon tetrachloride, a common household cleaner, is highly toxic. Paint, paint thinners and varnish are also hazardous in the home. Oven cleaners, pesticides, glues and adhesives may also be dangerous.

Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas, becomes a dealy poison when running a car engine in a closed garage. Warming a car in the garage on a cold morning may be a dealy idea. While idling in traffic, a window in the car should be opened enough to provide fresh air to counter any carbon monoxide which has leaked into the car.

Charcoal grills used in closed rooms, garages or poorly ventilated areas can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

* Absorption occurs when skin comes in contact with any household product containing acids, lye, alkalines, etc. Many household items, containing these poisons, cause skin irritation and, in some cases, burn the flesh.

* Insect and weed killers may contain toxic chemicals that, on contact with the kin, are absorbed into the blood stream and can cause blood poisoning or damage to the central nervous system.



Preventive measures

To lower the chances of accidental poisoning, individuals should:

* Avoid referring to medicine as good-tasting when enticing a child to take medicine;

* Store all potential poisons apart from foods and food products, including utensils used to prepare foods;

* Store all products in the original containers they came in and heed the label warning;

* Store medication out of the sight and reach of children, preferably under lock and key;

* Separate drugs for internal use from compounds used externally (antiseptic creams, rubbing alcohol, etc.);

* Don't give or take medication in the dark. Make sure that the prescribed dosage is the amount taken;

* Throw away old, unneeded medicine and clean out their containers;

* Keep all toxic ssubstances out of the reach of children and elderly family members.

If, however, a person swallows a household poison or takes an overdose, the following steps should be taken for treatment:

* Call a doctor, hospital, poison control center or the police;

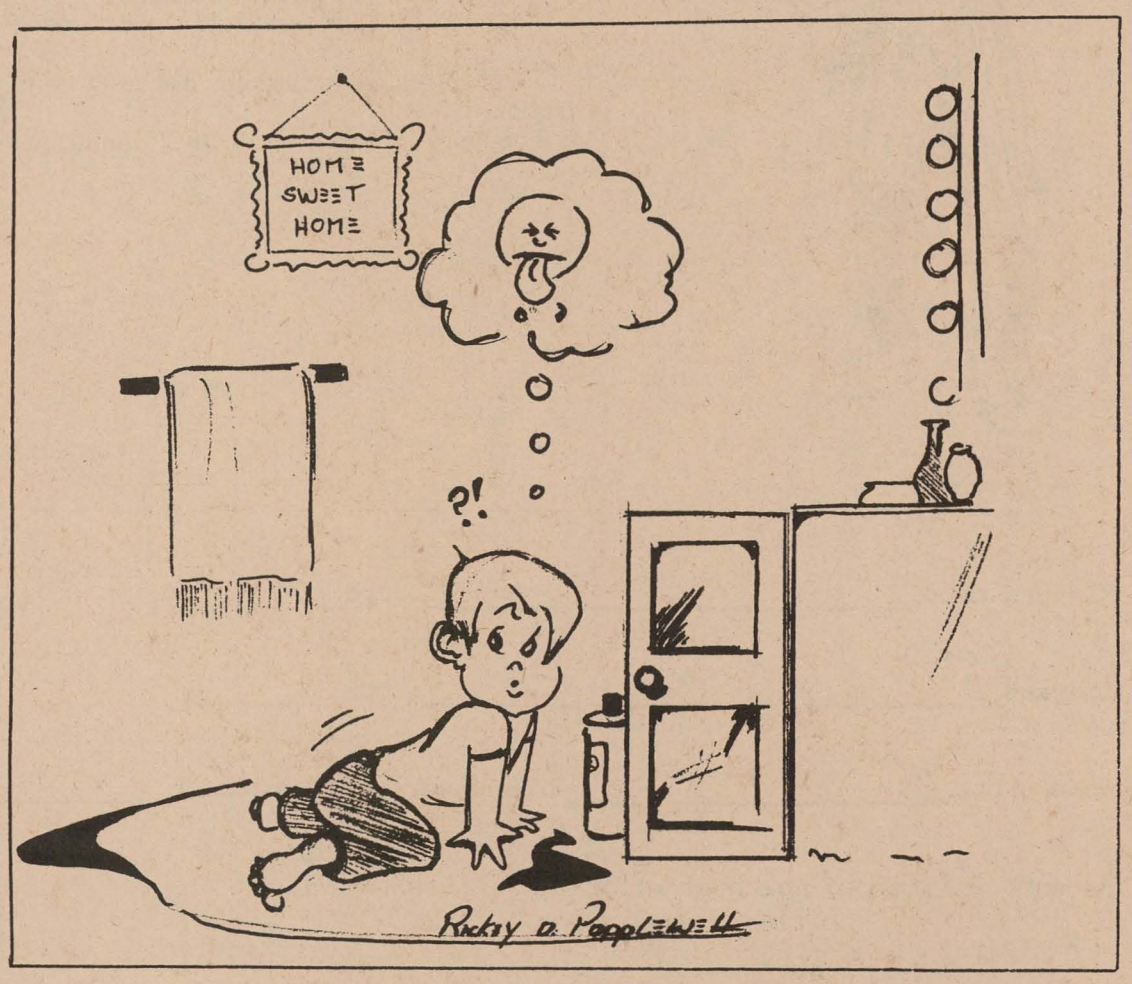
* Read the warning on the label, often times it tells you what to do;

* Dilute the poison in the person's stomach by giving the victim water, milk, milk of magnesia mixed with water, lemon juice or vinegar combined with water, or mineral oil. The liquid used to dilute the chemical will depend on the pooison taken and will be on the label.

* Find the suspected poison and save the container for the physician;

* Induce vomiting. If the poison is a corrosive — acid or lye — or is a petroleum product, DO NOT induce vomiting. DO NOT induce vomiting if the victim is unconscious or is having convulsions.

Don't wait until a child or elderly family member becomes a victim before you do something to prevent accidental poisoning. By then it may be too late. Everyone should be aware of the household dangers lurking in cabinets and closets and take the steps necessary to prevent poisoning.



Household Poisons

Below is a list of poisons normally found in the home:

* Household cleaners — detergents, bleaches, spot removers, drain cleaners, floor waxes, furniture polishes, pine derivatives, window cleaners.

* Medicines — aspirin, prescribed drugs, sleeping pills, tranquilizers, cough suppressants.

* Toiletries — makeup, perfumes, colognes, after shaves, bath oil.

* Solvents — gasoline, kerosene, apint stripper, lighter fluid.

* Gardening chemicals — weed killers, bug killers, fertilizers.

* Foods — spoiled foods, alcohol, mushrooms.

* House and garden plants — Elephant Ear, Narcissus bulbs, Dieffenbachia, English Ivy bulbs, Iris, Mountain Laurel, Lily of the Valley, potato eyes, Poinsettia.

Editor's Note: For emergency help in case of poisoning, call 3166 or 4861 at LAMC, or call San Francisco Poison Control Center 431-2800.

News notes

Military suggestions

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Suggestions by G.I.s have saved taxpayers more than $1 billion since 1965, a DOD report to Congress last week says.

Approximately $325,000 suggestions were adopted among more than two million submitted, according to the report, since the incentive awards program began in 1965. Other items in the report show that:

(A) 14,830 suggestions were adopted among 98,011 submitted in FY 78.

(B) FY 78 cash awards totalded slightly more than $1 million.

(C) FY 78 savings totaled $37.26 million

(D) EM received 81 percent of FY 78 cash awards.

(E) The Army's portion of the FY 78 savings totaled $10.3 million, or about 28 percent of the totalDOD savings.

(F) Soldiers earned almost $200,00 in cash awards in FY 78, or about 20 percent of the DOD total.

Health Fair opens

The San Francisco office of the Red Cross will serve as the information exchange for questions concerning the April KRON Health Fair. A special number has been installed to handle your questions about this huge community health project. The number is 800-652-1169.

The KRON Community Health Fair involves 6 Red Cross chapters and dozens of other medical and health agencies. All will cooperate in providing skilled staff and volunteers to conduct a series of test during the first week of April in more than 100 locations. Tests are free except for some nominal fees to process blood samples.

The Community Health Fair opens Monday, April 2nd and runs for seven days through Sunday, April 9th. It's open to all residents. Call 800-652-1169 for further details.

USO news

Since 1941, San Francisco USO has been devoted to the morale and welfare of American men and women in the armed forces. It is a non-profit organization which represents and acts on behalf of the American public as an expression of concern for those in uniform.

Why this need for an independent non-profit service group for military personnel? Simply because the USO is the **only civilian organization** whose sole purpose is to serve as a link between civilian and military populations — the only bridge of understanding betweeen the two.

USO makes our service personnel feel a little closer to home. It is an off-post retreat where those in the military and their dependents can find understanding, relaxation, recreation, and help with a wide range of personal problems.

The USO is financed by the United Way and direct contributions. The USO receives no money from the United States government. To find out more about the San Francisco USO, why not call 9824163, better yet, stop by for a personal visit. After all, it is because of concerned citizens like yourself that the SFUSO is understanding and meeting people's needs.

MONDAY/TUESDAY	CLOSED
WED/THURSDAY	NOON to 8 PM
FRIDAY/SATNOON to 10 PM	
SUNDAY	

EER's changing

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Enlisted evaluation report (EER) rules for all EM are changing April 1.

Changes are designed to make EERS more complete and less frequent, according to MILPERCEN officials.

Starting April 1, EERS will still be required at least yearly, but not during a month that that is based on a soldier's grade, officials said. Instead, annual reports will be made one year from a soldier's last report month. If an E6, for example, last received an EER in December 1978, thatthat soldier's next EER would be due in December 1979. The usual rule that an E6 receive an EER every June would be ignored as long as a doleir's last EER is less than one year old, oofficials explained.

Exceptions to this change, officials said, would be allowed if a soldier needs a "change of rater" or "special" EER, or if an EER must be delayed because a rater has not managed a soldier at least three months.

When a soldier does does receive a "change of rater" or "special" EER, officials observed, the next annual report would not be due until one year after that EER. Other changes, according to officials, include mandatory comments all EERS. Currently, comments are only required if soldiers are rated below or above average.

Recommendations for promotion must also be explained in a rater's comments, officials said, no matter which option a rater recommends.

Career development recommendations for schooling and assignments must must also be made in every EER, officials added.

Another change is that raters will have the option of using a "Complete the Record," or Updated, EER for soldiers in Grades E6-9, officials said.

This report could be made when a soldier is being considered by a DA promotion or selection board. Officials said this option will allow raters to "Update the Official Record" and call attention to new and special information.

The new rules are spelled out in cha changes to AR 600-200, DA PAM 623-1 and DA PAM 600-8.

Education Center news

If you thought it was too late to register for Spring college courses, you may be surprised to learn that the Army Education Center has arranged for five on-post college courses to be conducted by San Francisco State University beginning on March 26. Courses end on May 18 except for English, which runs until Jul 10.

The following courses were selected to fit into almost any degree plan:

Earth Sciences for Non-Science Major (Geol 300)3 units, Mon & Wed 6:00-9:00 p.m. No prerequisite is necessary for this upper level course which counts as natural science credit.

Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Spch 150), 4 units, Tues & Thurs, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. This is a beginning speech class which counts toward Basic Subjects requirement at SF State or would transfer as a humanities course.

Introduction to American Politics (Pol Sci 200), 4 units, Mon & Wed, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. An introductory course that will emphasize The Carter administration and 1980 Presidential election. Meets a graduation requirement for the State of California or would transfer as a social science.

Child Development (Psy 330), 3 units, Tues & Thurs, 6:00 to 9:00p.m. Prerequisite: a general introductory course in psychology. Counts as a social science.

First Year Composition (Eng 106), 3 units, Tues, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. A beginning writing course which counts toward Basic Subjects requirement at San Francisco StatState or would transfer as English/humanities. a must for those who plan to attend college, who write reports at work, or just want to develop confidence in writing.

These courses are available to military and civilians at a tuition cost of $37.00 per unit. Active duty personnel may apply for 75% tuition assistance not later than Mar 20, or request GI Bill reimbursement if eligible. If you are interested in taking one of these courses, you may register in Bldg. 1216 (Ft Scott) or Bldg 1007 (LAMC). Phone Ext 2974/4445 (Ft Scott) or Ext 3693 (LAMC) for further information.

ETS program

Explore your options before you separate. This program will provide persons within 90 days of separation information about civilian job opportunities, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, financial aid for further education, the Army Reserves and veterans' benefits. It will be held April 5th, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216. Call Ext. 2974/4445 to reserve your place.

ACS budget program

Its been a couple of months since Christmas, but many people are still paying holiday-related bills.

If you're in that group and the bills are beginning to wreck your budget, visit Army Community Services (ACS).

Most ACS centers offer a Financial Planning and Assistance Program to military personnel and their dependents, retirees, and widows or divorcess of mi.itary personnel.

The program involves budget counseling, consumer education and debt liquidation. It emphasizes money management and detection of indebtedness.

Army Community Services can act as a liaison between you and your creditors. In many cases, the ACS counselor can persuade creditors to let you make lower minimum payments until you are financially "on your feet."

Your case is handled confidentially and free of charge. ACS works closely with many other military and civilian agencies to insure that maximum assistance is given to service members with financial problems. (FORSCOM B-10)

CETA provides training

CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) provides job training and economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed persons. This program assures that training and other services lead to maximum employment opportunities. CETA enhances self-sufficiency by establishing a flexible and decentralized system within Federal, State and local governments.

Federal agencies, such as the Presidio, are authorized to host CETA enrollees by providing work, training, projects and onsite experience on tasks involving the agency's mission. No salary costs are assumed by the hosting agency. Assignments provided CETA enrollees shall not lead to displacement of federal employees or impair contracts for service.

Locally, the CETA program is administered by the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training through grants administered by the US Department of Labor.

The Presidian Civilian Personnel Office encourages participation in programs such as CETA. Programs of this nature often provide a source of competent manpower to assist in meeting a variety of personnel needs in organizations where manpower shortages exist.

AUSA speaker

Major General Frank P. Ragano, Commanding General, US Army Missile Research and Development Command at Huntsville, Alabama, will be the guest speaker at a noon luncheon sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the Association of the US Army, March 22 at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers Club.

General Ragano, the US Army's "Project Manager of the Year" for 1977 will speak on "The Current Status and Systems Under Development in US Army Missiles and Rockets."

To learn about Hellfire, Dragon, Stinger, Patriot and other missiles, make your reservations by calling **Mary Stanton, 561-3137/4426.** Cost is $6.00 for either Cornish Hen or Petrale Sole. Includes gratuity, beverage and dessert. Tickets will be held at the door. No-host reception, 11:30 a.m.

PSF suggestion campaign

The Presidio of San Francisco and tenant activities will be coonducting a Suggestion Campaign from March 15 to May 15. Each person who submits a valid suggestion during this period will receive a free key chain or pen. A valid suggestion must contain three key elements:

1. A present procedure or situation which you feel can be improved.
2. An idea for improvement and a workable solution with specific means for implementation.
3. Dollars and cents figures or statement of specific benefit or savings which will result if the suggestion is adopted.

Hazardous material seminar sponsored by PSF fire dept.

It is estimated that more than four billion tons of hazardous materials are transported in the United States each year, according to L. D. Santman, Acting Director of the Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

With that in mind, DOT contracted with the National Fire Protection Association to develop an emergency services training course, to enable fire service personnel to make informed judgments on how to deal effectively with accidents when they do occur.

Too often a fire department is uninformed concerning the contents of, say, a truck that overturns on a roadway. Firemen respond to the scene, and suddenly are engulfed in an explosion, or strong vapors which prove to be toxic. The toxic vapors may not only be poisonous, but corrosive as well. And, each year, chemical companies develop new products, such as pesticides, for our technological society. Many of these products will be known only by their trade name, and will not be regulated by DOT or a State agency, or OSHA for that matter. Hence the need for additional guidelines for those in the fire service.

The Presidio Fire Department will host a three day seminar April 3 - 5, which will utilize the DOT-NFPA prepared course entitled "Hazardous Materials Transportation Emergencies." Various city fire departments in the San Francisco Bay Area and Military Departments will participate, with a class size of 50 attending the seminar at the 6th US Army Conference Room.

According to W.J. Williams, Presidio Fire Chief, the NFPA-created package of 35 mm slides and audio cassettes are broken down into eight parts: Hazardous Materials in Transit; Definitions, Classes, and Dangerous Properties of Hazardous Materials; Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Materials in Transit; Obtaining Technical Assistance in Hazardous Materials Incidents; Command and Control of Hazardous Materials Incidents, I and II; Terminating and Reporting Hazardous Materials Incidents; and Planning for Hazardous Materials Emergencies.

Students attending this seminar will not only work individually with their workbooks, but will also participate in group sessions, involving hazardous material incidents in which they will be asked to state how they would handle a situation such as an overturned railroad tank car loaded with chlorine leaking from its side. The course will also include sections from Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, pertaining to the transportation of hazardous materials. "I was able to attend this seminar last year when it was presented in San Francisco by the NFPA staff," Chief Williams stated, "and found it to be of enormous importance for those of us in the fire service. Its main benefit, I feel, will be in giving the student a better overview of hazardous materials, thus allowing that individual to be able to size up an emergency incident with confidence." It is noteworthy that the Presidio Fire Department is offering this seminar for a token registration fee of $5.00, allowing fire departments with scant training funds being able to send their personnel. The seminar will be repeated at a later date, due to its importance.

Soldiers

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saw no objection to the scheme. As a result, General Order No. 51 pronounced the legality of the proposition, and soon credit was to be had by the "brass." Drexel, Morgan and Company brought together eighteen New York and Philadelphia banks willing to offer six percent loans so that the Army officers would be protected "from the plundering of speculators."

Since these banks were guaranteed repayment as soon as Congress voted funds, such noble gestures proved good business as much as patriotic support. Other firms such as the Louisiana National Bank of New Orleans gave loans at no interest at all.

In San Francisco, the Occidental Hotel, whose rates were normally beyond the means of a junior officer, stated they would not bill a man in uniform until after Congress reinstated pay. This gesture did not apply to the rank and file, however, who continued to make their way the best they could.

Finally, on October 15, 1877, a special session of Congress sat before the President. Mr. Hayes noted that "the Army, though without pay, has been constantly and actively employed in arduous and dangerous service . . . in spite of all the hardships, both officers and men discharged their duty with fidelity and courage and without complaint," according to the President. Finally, after days of debate the House passed the bill on November 12, and went to the Senate.

Just over a week later, the President signed the document so that the Army again could have its meager pay restored. On November 21,1877 the regulars could buy a mug of beer again.

Mission essential

FIRST TIME AWARD . . . Ms. Avis Togami, a civilian employee for over 25 years with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Ligistics, Sixth US Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, recently received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, Commanding General, Sixth Army. Ms. Togami is the first recipient in Sixth Army. Initiated in April 1978, the Commander's Award is the third highest honorary award for civilian service. The citation for the award noted that "Ms. Togami's initiative, sound judgment, and superior performance contributed directly to the highly efficient operation of a major Army staff section." (US Army Photo by Bill Malkiel)

MSgt. Ray Neeley, of Beria, Kentucky, is the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Readiness Group. Ray's job is to advise twelve Transportation units located in Northern California and Nevada. Said Ray, "I go out to units and give them any assistance they need in the Transportation Field."

Recently Ray gave a class on documentation to a unit. The purpose of the class was to teach the unit how to prepare the proper paperwork for movement of vehicles and material. Ray also advises the soldiers on how to prepare for SQT testing.

Ray commented on the need for the reserve and the National Guard. "Anytime I can help someone in uniform, I will," he added.

"His best assignment was in Germany," he stated. "I was stationed at 4th Transportation Brigade Headquarters. As a Transportation man I received the best overall view of the Transportation system there."

In his free time, Ray Neeley has acted as a sports official on the Presidio and in the Bay Area.

Mrs. Roxetta Sterling, of Kansas City Missouri, has worked for Civil Service for eighteen years. She has been working on the Presidio since 1967. Her first job on the Presidio was with a unit called 15th Corps.

Roxetta's basic skill is secretarial. She has worked for Sixth Army, LAMC, and now works as Secretary, for the Chief, Defense Investigative Service.

Roxetta came to the Presidio when her husband retired from the military. She finds the area and the post beautiful. She is now a resident of San Rafael where she finds time to bowl.

Said Roxetta, "I prefer working in the Army environment. I find the regulations easy to understand and follow. Don't get me wrong though, I like working for the Defense Investigative Service, too."

ACS news

Now that you are no longer required to buy into the Food Stamp Program, it is easier for many families to obtain them. Army Community Service provides a quick, five-minute pre-screening which can save you a trip if you clearly do do not qualify. Just call 561-5057 with your leave and Earning Statement (LES) available.

If you do appear to qualify, the address of the Food Stamp Office will be given to you, along with procedures for applying. Although Food Stamps is a federally funded program, each county has its own procedures.

Processes at the Food Stamp Office involve being evaluated by a "screener" who will briefly go over your financial situation. If you are deemed ineligible by a screener, you can demand to see an interviewer, who will examine your problem in depth. The interviewer will notify you by mail as to your eligibility. If you are determined to be ineligible and still feel you are eligible, you can request a "Fair Hearing." The address for appeals is on the back of the denial form. The State has the responsibility for setting the time and place of a hearing and final decision must be reached within 60 days from the date the fair hearing request is filed. If at any time you feel that you are not treated fairly and courteously at a Food Stamp Office, get the name of the person and notify Presidio Army Community Service. ACS will then notify the Food Stamp Office Supervisor, who has promised to work with ACS to insure that qualifying military members receive just treatment.

ACS provides other services too, like helping you get and manage your own checking account and telling you before you make the long trip downtown if you may be eligible for the FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (which issnow free of charge). Consumer information and smaart shipping tips are available, as well as information on what brands scored best in the Consumer Reports tests. Booklets on a variety of subjects are available free for the asking on subjects to include "Credit - Master or Servant," "Ways to Save Money," "How to Establish Credit" and much, much more.

Don't wait until you're in over your head in debt before taking corrective action. ACS can help you. "Debt Prevension is the Best Policy." The Army Community Service Center is in building 214 - next door to the post Cafeteria. Call 561-5057 for an appointment soon.

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Beneficial research at LAIR

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Letters to the Editor

Visitation privileges

Dear Editor:

Join the new Army. Have a home away from home. Even the new army isn't all that new. But changes have been made.

Years ago, soldiers had to obtain a pass just to go off post. Time moves, people change and so did the pass policy. At one time, soldiers had to be in bed by 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. Time moves, people change and so does the bed checks.

Would you believe that at one time it was an all man army? Vote? a woman? No way! Moving on with the times, the minds of the people changed. Now there are female generals.

Two women together (dating) was a disgrace. Two men together-shamefully accused! Time moves people change now there are weddings among the sexes. Happy people, as in gay, have always had visitation privileges-why can't we?
?

A soldier can perform in a super way if he or she feels trusted by his or her superior. Two women or two men together in a room are "trusted". Question, why? God created Adam from his own image; a rib from Adam made Eve, not another Adam.

We're not asking for the apple nor the seed to grow the tree. Just a little trust.

In December '78 all over Europe, visitation privileges were in effect. As a result, there were less Article 15's and an increase in the morale of the soldier. Consider putting these privileges on a trial basis. Treat adults like adults. Treat children like children. Try the new soldier in the new Army.

Sincerely,

Charlene Stokes
Sp4 Hq USAG

Editor:

This letter is in reply to one written by Jefferey Flournoy in your March 16 edition on the subject of visitation in the barracks.

It is my opinion, and I am sure the opinion of an overwhelming number of others at USAG, and other units on post, that visitation privileges should be granted for male and female soldiers in the billets.

This privilege would benefit the command in many ways, for example, the increased morale factor on the part of the soldier would definitely increase their interest in their job and the mission of the command. Also I believe that the incidence of homosexuality in the billets would decrease. Increased activities by males and females in a social environment would discourage homosexual activity.

So often we hear that we are adults in the military. If this is true then I would hope that the command would let us act as responsible adults. Remember, that we are adults, and with the proper perspective, visitation privileges would benefit todays soldier.

Thank you,
Michael J. Willoughby.

Dear Editor,

This letter is written to express my opinion about the issue of visitation privileges in the barracks. I am glad that many soldiers at USAG have shown their support for visitation rights in the barracks.

Visitation should be encouraged, in order to give male and female soldiers the opportunity to socialize, so that morale and unity will increase. I don't think this privilege would create a bad impression for others. I am sure that soldiers are mature enough to understand the privilege must be prudently exercised.

To be fair, it is my suggestion that those in authority should set visiting hours and make rules which would benefit both the male and female soldiers.

Sincerely,
Maximino P. Castro, Jr.

Editor:

I feel that the visitation policy of the Headquarters Company is insulting to the personnel living in the enlisted barracks.

I feel this way because we are all adults who have enlisted into the Army by our own free will to serve as soldiers but we are being treated as Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. We all do the jobs of mature adults but we are being treated as children. There is no place to go in this area if one wishes to be alone with a person or just sit and watch television with a member of the opposite sex without ten other people around fighting over which show to watch or playing the stereo at full voluome.

It is wrong to risk an Article 15 just because one wishes to visit the other barracks. It just seems to be such a petty thing to be keeping after people when there are much more important things to be spending time on. The harassment of the people in the barracks is simply causing a lot of hard feelings. I feel that by permitting us to have visitation privileges in the barracks a lot of time, energy and bad feelings between the people of HQ, USAG can be avoided.

PV2 Barbara A. McArthur

Editor:

I don't happen to live in the HQ, USAG barracks because I am married, but I feel very strongly about the need for visitation rights for my fellow soldiers who live there.

It is time for the Army to progress. I don't think it is fair to restrict people from socializing, just because they live in the barracks. As long as people act like adults, they should be given the same privileges as an adult. Putting a restriction on visitation rights isn't going to stop a person from doing what he or she feels like doing, no matter what the penalty is for getting caught.

Come on U.S. Army, let's progress with the rest of the world and set aside the social standards of the 1950's.

Nadine Romero

Dear Editor:

On the subject of visitation nights, I believe that the command is overlooking the fact that we are adults.

Our families have guests in their home and even children have their friends visit regardless of the fact that they are male or female.

I don't understand why we can't bring guests into our own home. If a person wants to bring someone of the opposite sex into their room, they are going to do it in spite of an Article 15. The nights to visit would not prove to be a big thing. How unfair it is to demean the lower enlisted!

Also, where are we to go when we want to socialize? - a busy dayroom? A Rec Center that is far away and that closes at ten o'clock? an NCO Club where there are too many people to deal with? SO WHERE DO WE GO TO BE ALONE?

Remember that we were adult enough to sign an enlistment contract!

Could it hurt to just try visitation rights?

Harold Simpson

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Reserved parking

Your letter in the Star Presidian of March 16th deserves a comment regarding the remark that "A lot of Military Police man hours are being wasted in the early morning hours, directing traffic to designated parking areas in a supposedly reserve-free area".

Those MP hours are in no way being "wasted" since they are keeping parking spaces reserved for patients to being kept for that purpose. The large area east of LAMC is supposed to be reserved for patients and not for the military and civilian employees of LAMC.

Since you are aware of this area's reserved status, it is my opinion that you are a member of the LAMC staff. If so, this means that you did not get the word, put out on numerous occasions, that the patient parking lot would be restricted to that purpose. For several years, until just recently, many of the individuals desiring treatment at LAMC had to park at some distance from LAMC just because the patient parking lot was all taken up (and for all day!) by cars of the LAMC employees. It is hoped that you will understand this by now.

If you have any further questions regarding LAMC parking, please contact the undersigned or the LAMC Provost Marshal.

George F. Smith, Jr.
Security Manager

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

Special congratulations to the Sixth U.S. Army Band for their first place showing in the S.F. St. Patrick's Day parade in the military units category and to the 504th Military Police Battalion for its second place in the color guard competition. The band also took first place in the Oakland St. Pat's parade!

The 170th MP Company reports a whole batch on new E-3s, they are: Robert Bendick, Monette Hage, Michelle Halpin, William Karoly, John Kiess, William Leitschuh, and Richard Marconi. St. Leon Young has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, and Sgt. Joseph Devastey just reenlisted for three years.

Over at HHD 504th MP Company Dianna Krebs has been promoted to Pfc and Debra George added her first stripe as an E-2. Sgt 1st Cl. Fortunato Untalan has just reenlisted for four more years and Spec 4 Lewis Gladfelter is attending the Primary Leadership course.

From the 51st Engineer Detachment we learned that Spec 5 Robert Boggess and Spec 4 William Robinson are also undergoing PLC training. Most of the 51st has been over at Camp Parks helping Company D, 864th Engineer with their ARTEP.

The Sixth Region CIDC reported little activity but sends out a big hello to everyone, as did HQ Co., USAG and USACC.

Several weeks ago we reported that the make-up date for the Hq Co., USAG PT test would be March 28, that we are told was incorrect. The make-up will be held April 19.

The 163rd MP Company will soon be saying farewell to retiring Sgt 1st Cl. William Ingram who has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Spec 4s James Dorsey and William Wentland are down at Fort Ord going through the Primary Leadership Course.

Recent changes in the **Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia Regulation (AR 670-1)** could find some soldiers out of uniform and in lots of trouble.

While the regulation simplified the placement of the brass insignia on the greens and summer uniforms it also ended some current practices which are still evident on the Presidio.

The regulation prohibits the wearing of the field jacket with any other uniforms other than the cold and hot weather fatigues, the utility, hospital duty, and food service uniform. The **field jacket cannot be worn with the female or male summer uniform or greens.**

The new regulation also states that the **male windbreaker** which may be worn with the tan uniform must be **zipped up two-thirds** of the way. It prohibits the wear of the **female green sweater as an outer garment to the green cords, hospital duty, training duty, and food service uniforms.** The sweater may not be worn as an outer garment with any other uniform.

All soldiers should take a look at AR 670-1 to be familiar with the wear of their uniforms.

The Presidio: Is it too tough to die?

J. Phillip Langellier

Covering the green expanse of land which forms the southern side of San Francisco's famed Golden Gate lies a military installation known for centuries at the "Presidio." Spain's forces first arrived here in 1776 to take possession of some 3000 varas (1564 acres) in the name of their King, Carlos III. A tiny quadrangle located, essentially in the middle of the reservation, soon arose with palisaded walls enclosing a compound of ninety yards square.

Poor climate, earthquakes, and perennial lack of financial support plagued this outpost of the Spanish empire. During the 1780's, conditions worsened to the point that a military inspector recommended the abandonment of the post! No move to follow this proposal ensued, and so the Spanish flag flew over the Presidio until 1822.

In that year a successful revolution far to the southeast brought all of California under control of Mexico. Little changed at the tiny San Francisco fort, for it still remained far from the seat of power in Mexico City. Consequently, the garrison's lot continued to decay. Money from the central government all but ceased, and the men went for nearly a decade without their pay during this bleak period.

Finally, in the 1830's, Mariano Guadelupe Vallejo, Comandente of the Presidio, moved his force northward to Sonoma where better lands enabled the troops to raise cattle and crops. The local civilian population soon scavanged the abandoned post for reusable building materials. The old adobes crumbled rapidly, and began to return to the sand dunes from whence they came. Vallejo proposed that the land be sold since he felt it no longer served a purpose. No takers presented themselves, however, so the land remained in the hands of the Mexican Government.

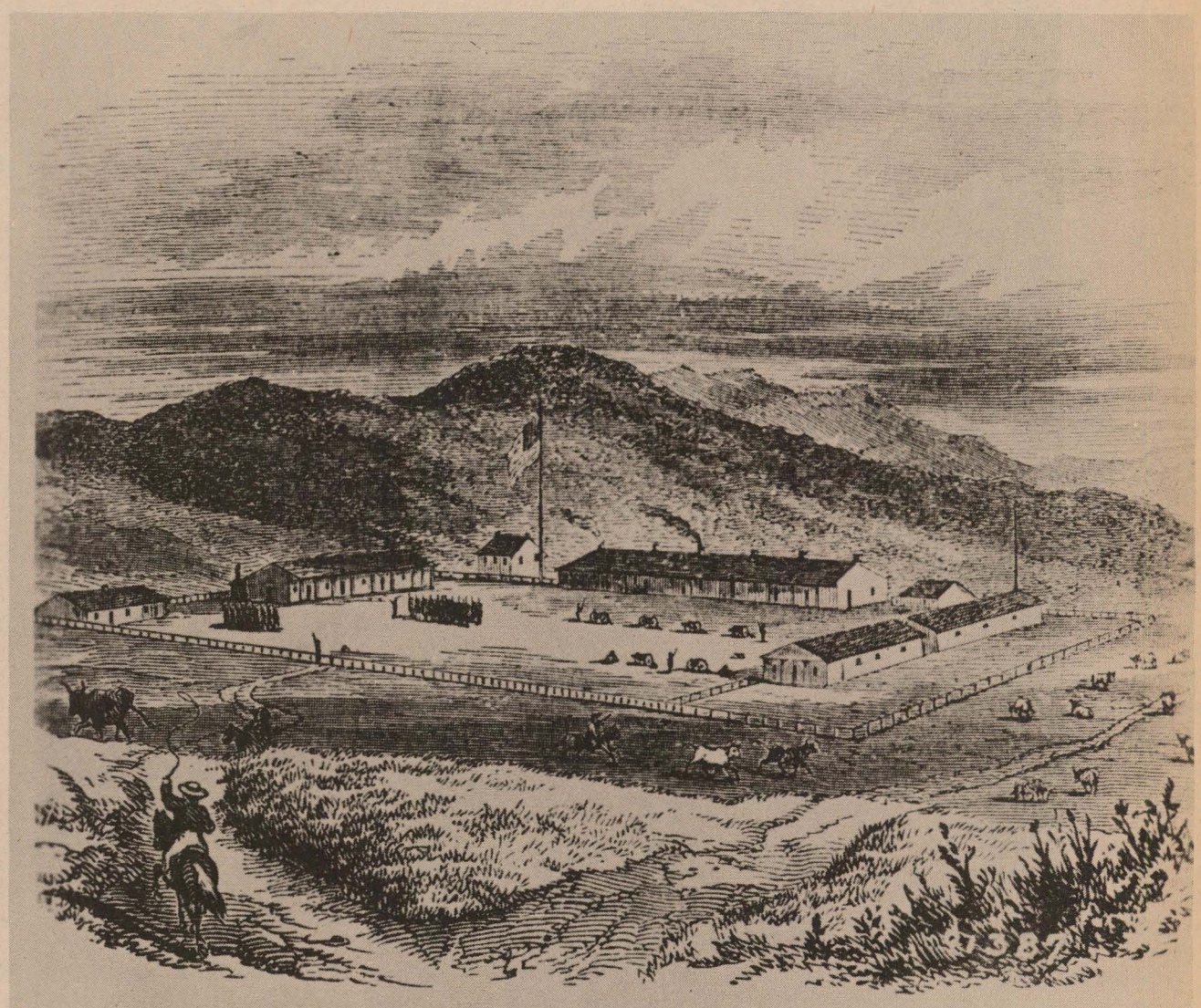
In the 1840's the Old presidial site again became a matter of interest. John C. Fremont came ashore shortly after the "Bear Flag Revolt" had set the downfall of Mexican authority into motion. Fremont, along with famed frontier scout, Christopher "Kit" Carson, and twenty Deleware Indians spiked the cannons at a delapidated fortification located on the northwestern tip of the Presidio. Colonel Jonathan Stevenson's New York Volunteers arrived in 1847. Soon three companies of this regiment busied themselves in repairing the decaying post.

Some years later an Executive Order on November 6, 1850 set aside a rather extensive expanse for military purposes.

A second Executive Order on December 31, 1851 made a slight modification in that it divided the area into two seperate plots, one of which became Fort Mason, and the other of which served as the Presidio and Fort Point (later Fort Winfield Scott). Some 1522 acres made up the presidial lands, which roughly equaled the Spanish claims first established in 1776.

At approximately the same time the President signed the second Executive Order Pacific Coast military headquarters transferred to Benecia, one of California's short-lived capitols. The Presidio's importance waned to a degree as a result of this transfer.

The Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, later to be President of the Confederate States of America, also looked on the site as superflous. In June of 1854 he ordered the garrison to be withdrawn, but the nearly immediate appearance of squatters caused the local commander to order two companies back to protect the government's claims.



The Presidio of San Francisco.

During the Civil War, rather extensive contruction efforts **took place as shown by this *circa* 1880's illustration looking northward over the Chapel of Our Lady and the present Officer's Club. (Presidio Army Museum Photo)**

Questions about the Presidio's permanance persisted throughout the remainder of the decade. Inspector Generals' reports described the buildings as only "habitable," in great need of repairs. By 1861 one junior officer, H. G. Gibson, contended that the importance of the Presidio "as a depot for the concentration of troops in this harbor" could not be overlooked. He noted that the "great value of this extensive Reserve to the Government has been preserved only by constant occupation by troops." In conclusion, Gibson contended that something had to be done about the sorry state of things at the Presidio in view of the fact that the installation remained "so near the large and handsome city of San Francisco, a disgrace to the Government and an eyesore to the community."

Civil War

These words probably would have made little impact if it were not for the outbreak of the Civil War. After the fall of Fort Sumter, the local martial population expanded rapidly. Eventually, thousands of troops brought about the need for stables, warehouses, quarters, a hospital and a powder magazine on the Presidio. By the mid-1860's the post boasted, numberous, up-to-date buildings. For the present, its military position seemed secure.

Severe budget cutbacks in the post-civil War era, however, caused reductions which typified the peacetime Army. Again, the necessity of the Presidio came under fire. The Daily Alta California for April 7, 1870 commented.

Every now and then one hears of some scheme to benefit private speculators who cast covetous eyes upon the ample Government Reservation on the outskirts of this city, known as the Presidio . . . So far all these designs have happily come to naught, and the Reservation remains intact.

While past efforts to maintain the integrity of the site seemed in the best public interest, the Alta believed that buildups on other Bay Area military sites, such as Angel Island, obviated the need for martial presence on this choice piece of property,. The newspaper believed the lot could better serve the "purpose of a public park," since the tract was "well sheltered, commands a fine view, can be admirably improved by walks, shrubbery and water; and above all is accessible from the city." Senate Bill No. 370 appeared to make this proposal into a reality.

The Army Engineers countered by maintaining the Presidio's barracks were "indispensible" for housing the troops who guarded the Golden Gate against attack. The present locations of these structures were sheltered from enemy fire, while other sites would be exposed to bombardment. Moreover, even if the buildings were to be constructed elsewhere, the expense incurred in this case would be "very large" indeed. The park bill never came to pass, even though certain citizens continued to press for this end during the mid 1870's. A prominent San Franciscan, Caleb Fay, led the fight. He felt "there is no other such splendid sea-side spot in America" as could be found at the Presidio. Mr. Fay's vision forshadowed efforts of nearly a century later when Fort Point National Historic Site and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area finally came into being.

For the moment, his farsightedness gave way to national security considerations. These efforts to acquire the Presidio for a park or for private speculation irritated many local comanders. When several hundred acres of Army land were to be pared away as the result of a supposedly inaccurate boundary survey, one of these men, General Henry B. Halleck, a Civil War veteran of some fame stated:

It appears that certain notorious land grabbers of this city formed a conspiracy with some employees of the United States surveyor-general's office for the purpose of getting possession of some two hundred or more acres of military reserve at the Presidio.

The Presidio's acreage provided ample room **for the thousands of needy refugees in 1906. (San Francisco earthquake) (Presidio Army Museum photograph)**

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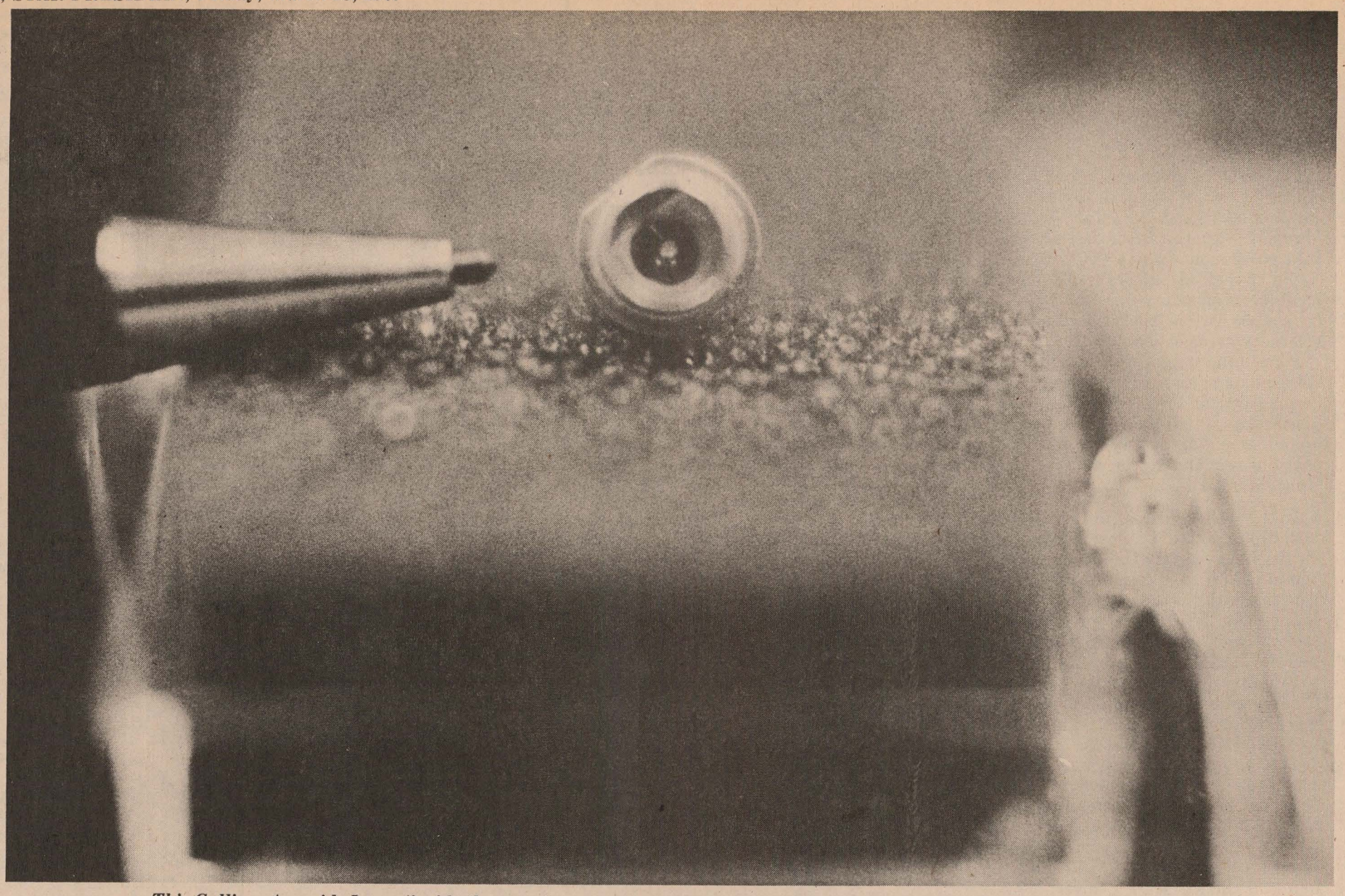
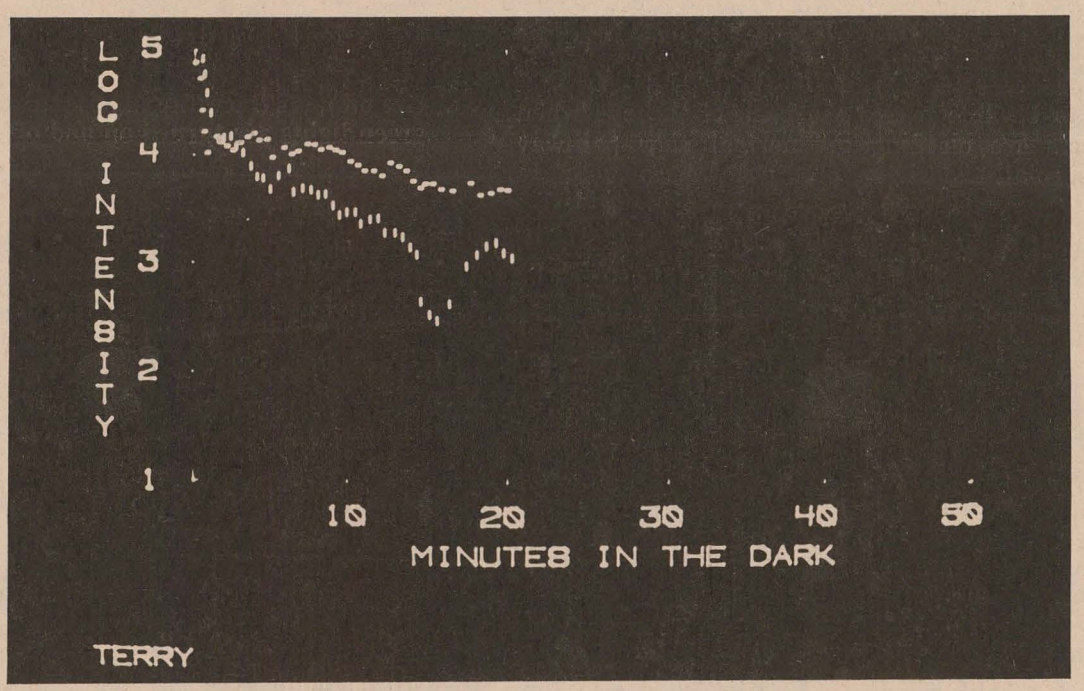


This Gallium Arsenide Laser (inside the round metal casing) is used in the MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System) device for the M-16. The MILES device is a small black box that picks up the sound of a blank being fired by the M-16 and fires a harmless, low intensity light. The light (invisible to the naked eye) is then picked up by sensors that are strapped to individual soldiers with a harness. (The harness is placed over areas of the body that would be fatal if shot by a live M-16 round) and sounds an alarm which cannot be turned off by the soldier. This provides a more realistic combat training while going through field training exercise's.



The results of a Dark Adaptation test (bottom line is the green lights and the top is red), shown here, when compared to the standard chart, is within the acceptable range. Notice the nice little dip in the green line? This is caused by seeing clouds of light generated by electrical impulses in the eye. These impulses can only be seen in total darkness after a period of time.

This scale model (1/16th scale) A4 Leopard tank is radio-controlled, self-propelled, and is equipped with electronic instrumentation used for locating the position of the tank, detecting laser radiation, and for controlling direction of movement.

Beneficial research at LAIR

by Don Terry

Project BLASER (Bunker Laser) is the study of Biomedical Factors influencing Laser Designator Operator Performance. It's part of the division of Biorhealogy (the biological study of deformation and flow of matter in living systems) research being conducted at Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR). The purpose of the research is to provide hardware that will improve troup troop-capabilities which is medically safe. The results of the research will ultimately be channeled to TRADOC for writing Training Manuals for the soldier.

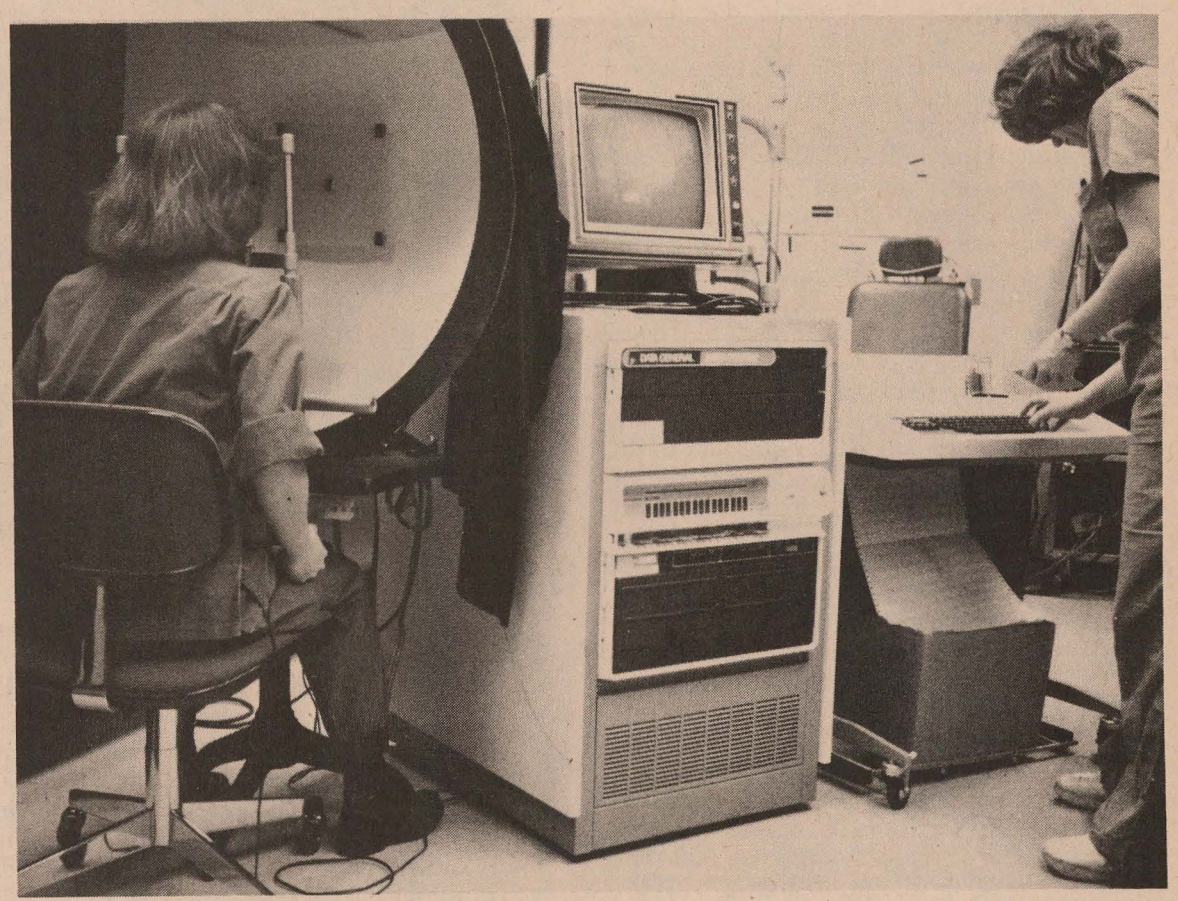
The Gallium Arsenide Laser Rangefield Designator is an optical tracking device that projects a laser beam to a specific target. Through appropriate time interevals of the laser output, the signal reflected from the target can be used for range finding, tracking, or guiding missiles.

A BLASER simulator is being used at LAIR to track scale model tanks (1/16th, 1/25th, and 1/35th scale) across a desert terrain model. The 1/16th scale represents a distance of 1.040 kilometers, 1/25th scale is 1.625 kilometers, and 1/35th scale is 2.275 kilometers. Greater apparent target distances may be readily obtained by decreasing the power of the simulator viewing optics. Scaled target speeds up to 35 km-hr are currently available.

Lasers have a great many beneficial uses, for example: lasers are used to transmit photographs from one place to another.

A laser is currently being used to monitor and measure the movement of the San Andreas fault. Lasers are used in surgery (eye and skin) to provide a good clean cut and at the same time stops the Lasers can also be used to remove tatoos, cut dress patterns, and weld automobile chassis.

Other areas of study in Biorheology include the Dark Adaptation testing (vision) and the use of sonar to be able to see the back of the eye when cataracts are blocking the normal view pathway and specially designed contact lenses used to measure the sensitivity of the eyes to the light.



Sp4 Becky LaBissoniere (left), Dept. of Biorheology, LAIR, **is being tested for dark adaptation by Sp4 Peggy Knowles (right), Dept. of Surgery, LAIR. The test is administered to check the ability of an individual to see at night, and follows the same principle as a hearing test. There are five red and five green lights in a dome shaped device, as well as a white light. An individual sits in a chair in front of the dome with the white light on, covered with a black cloth and the room lights off. After five minutes the white light is turned off, which leaves a person in total darkness, and the red and green lights are turned on and off and decreases in intensity during the twenty minute test.**

Sp4 Peggy Knowles photographs the **results of the Dark Adaptation test for comparison with a standard chart and for a permanent record.**

Too tough to die?

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Halleck's successor noted that the land lost by this means would be worth at least a thousand dollars an acre, and should not be given up for any reason. By 1879 the issue became so charged that the new commander, General Irwin McDowell, remarked: "It is difficult for me, even to this day, to write of this matter and use only the language of an official document." While the Army eventually lost the precious acreage in conflict, this minor reduction may well have staved off further attempts for the next several years.

Other factors contributed to the relatively calm state of affairs which typified the 1800s to World War I years. First, the need for coast artillery battery sites on both sides of the Golden Gate strengthened War Department arguments to maintain the Presidio for its strategic importance. Next, a plan to plant trees all over the semi-barren reservation evolved in 1883. This scheme to beautify the installation possessed elements of pioneer ecological awareness, as well as a certain degree of poublic relations' appeal.

The opening of hostilities between Spain and the United States in 1898 provided still more fuel to the War Department fire. Strategic significance and the appearance of what became Letterman Army General Hospital ensured a firm hold on Bay Area military lands for the remainder of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The events following the April 18, 1906 earthquake, and its related fire, further convinced many individuals of the Presidio's worth after a natural disaster. Thousands of homeless, hungry refugees could scarcely argue about the Army's relief provided all around the stricken city.

In 1920 some discussion of converting the Presidio in its entirety to exclusive use for Letterman Hospital arose. Three years later an Illinois Congressmean called for the sale of the Presidio for $20,000,000. The City fought against this effort. A move in 1927 . In fact, some San Franciscans felt so strongly about preserving the Presidio that they launched a program to reconstruct a full size version of the Spanish outpost on its original site! This well-meaning 1937 reflection of civic pride fell by the wayside.

World War II

The various services swung into full capacity during World War II. Letterman became the largest debarkation hospital of the conflict. Coastal and air defenses bristled along the shores and in the hills. For the first time in the Presidio's history its gates closed to the public. No one remotely thought of any other use for the site other than military, until the cessation of hostilities.

In 1946 efforts to establish a peace keeping agency brought about the United Nations. This new organization sought its international headquarters. The Presidio received a fairly favorable place on the list of candidates. A number of reasons accounted for the final determination to build in New York, not the least of which were financial. If the Presidio were transferred to the UN, over one hundred million dollars in real estate would be lost by the military. This staggering figure, coupled with the cost of moving all the Army functions elsewhere did not led much support to the Presidio proposal. Then too, the Cold War played its role in the Presidio's retention by the Armed Forces.

An elaborate tree planting program **of the 1880's proved to be highly successful as indicated by this photograph taken during the following decade. The houses in the background are still standing much as they were when first built in 1886 on Presidio Boulevard. (National Archives Photograph.)**

Even though the coastal defenses were scrapped in the first year after the war, conventional anti-air craft artillery, and later Nike missile sites, came into being throughout the Bay Area. Despite this trend, many individuals sought the Presidio's alleged "idle" acres for a number of reasons.

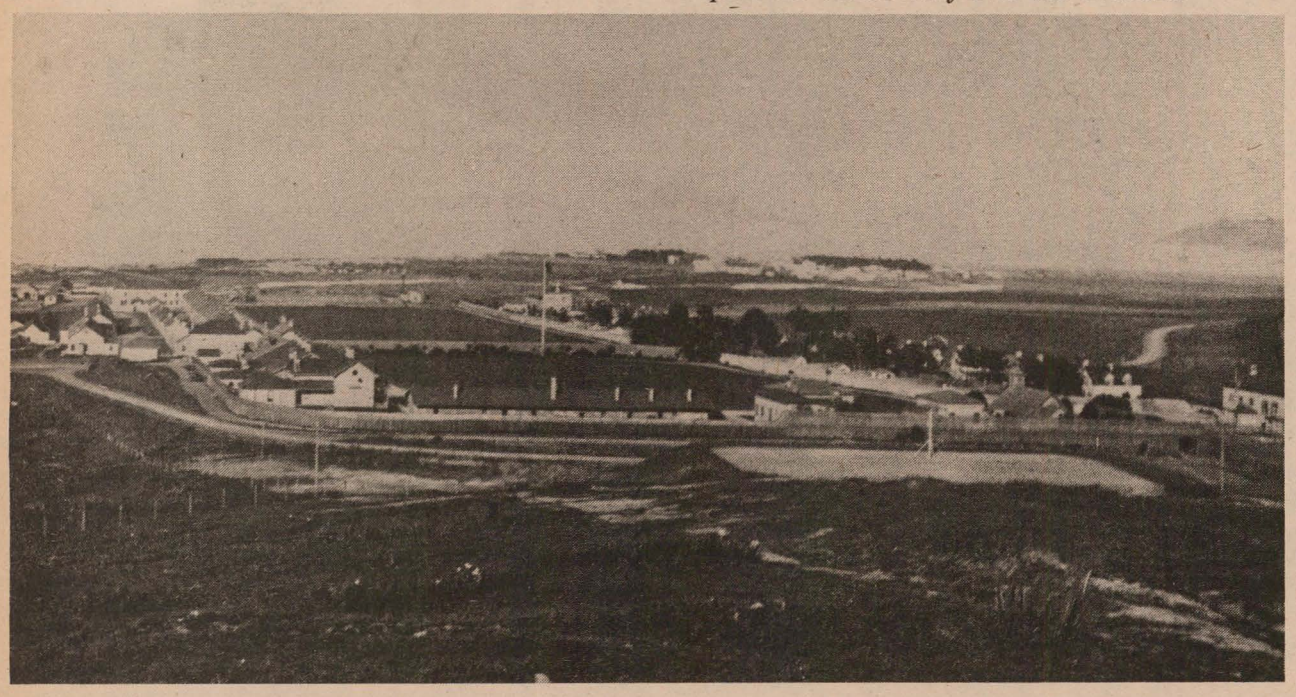
Among the various designs numbered private housing, a college, a park, and right of way for roads. The former efforts to turn the Presidio into a real estate development represented the main thrust of many groups, who sometimes counted the mayor of San Francisco in their ranks.

The military responded in numerous ways which would take on a certain pattern by 1961. In that year they indicated the vital missions performed at the Presidio by the Sixth US Army the XV Army Corps and Letterman General Hospital. Letterman was scheduled for expansion with the building of an entirely new facility.

Striking even closer to the point, the Army underscored the fact that nearly 2000 civilians and 4,800 military worked on the Presidio in 1960. These workers represented $73,000,000 in payroll, purchasing and contracting for that year alone. Placing the Presidio on the tax roles would not begin to produce the revenue generated by these employees. The impact on local economy seemed overwhelming.

Almost ten years later continued probing at the Presidio caused authorities to again point out that 3,200 civilians and 6,000 military accounted for $79,000,000 in salaries alone, and $24,000,000 in purchasing and contracting if the Presidio and its subinstallations were taken as a whole. Another $204,000,000 would be required to move the Army to other sites along the Pacific Coast. Financial considerations, along with the establishment of the Fort Point National Historic Site in 1969, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 1971, did much to quell the controversy over the Presidio.

That short lived period of quiet ceased in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter's Administration selected the Presidio, along with several other military installations for close study. In the Presidio's two hundred and two years of existence it had never faced such an awesome threat. Would the historic post overlooking the Golden Gate survive this most recent challenge? The answer to this question hangs in the balance until late spring 1979 when Washington will hand down the verdict on the Presidio's fate. Even if the decision to retain the Army's presence is made, past events causes one to ponder when the next attempt to close this outpost which faithfully served three nations will surface.



The Presidio of the 1850's differed little **from the Spanish and Mexican post. A series of Small adobes nestled amidst the shifting sand dunes represented the entire U.S. Army's presence at that time. (Presidio Army Museum Photo).**

Soldiers will lose benefits for education

SAN FRANCISCO — (March 13, 1979) — Approximately 38,000 Vietnam-era veterans in Northern California will lose their entitlement to GI Bill benefits during the next year.

The Veterans Administration's regional office director, H. H. Villalovos, in San Francisco said the figure represents the total number of veterans who will have reached the tenth anniversary of their separation from military duty. The law provides veterans with a ten-year limit to use educational and training benefits.

Villalovos said that while some 72% of Northern California veterans have used some or all of their GI Bill rights, there are thousands who can still make at least partial use of their remaining time.

The VA estimates that on a nationwide basis more than half the number of veterans who have GI Bill eligibility today will lose it by 1984.

"What we're emphasizing here," Villalovos said, "is the time factor. To make maximum use of GI Bill rights a veteran must be aware of the ten-year limit and get started well before time runs out."

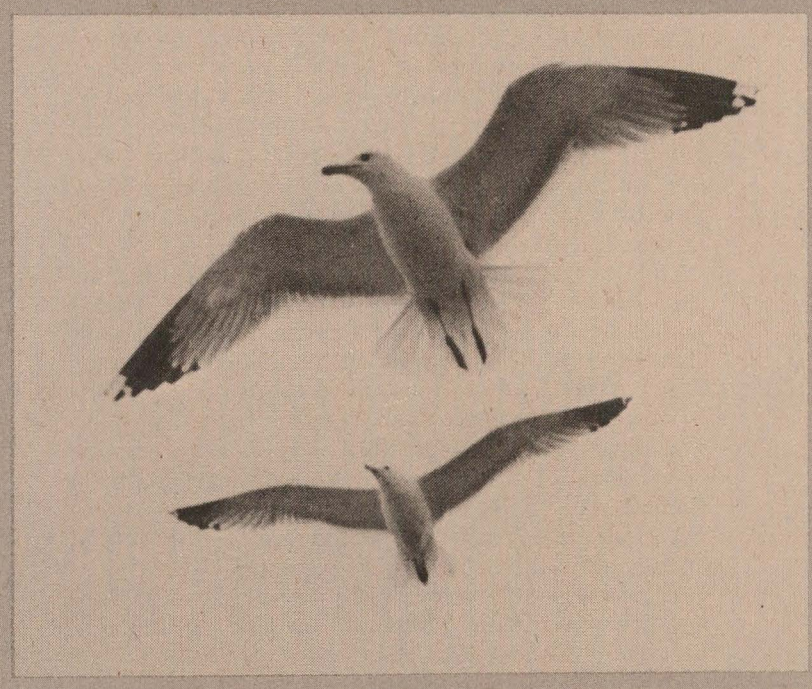
A typical Vietnam-era veteran, for example, might have left the service in 1973 having earned maximum training or education entitlement.

If that same veteran were to embark on a full-time, four-year college program, it should be started this year so that it could be completed by 1983 when the veteran's eligibility expires. In any event, benefits would be payable only until the veteran reached the time limit no matter how far along the program was.

"There are so many ways the GI Bill can be adapted to individual needs and circumstances," Villalovos said, "I hate to see anyone lose their rights to this program simply because they let time slip by."

Graceful Gulls

by Tina M. Juber



White birds that fly by the sea
in the sky,
Signal that seagulls are there
going by.

Beautiful birds with black
edged tipped wings,
Drift softly on wind currents,
scouting for things.

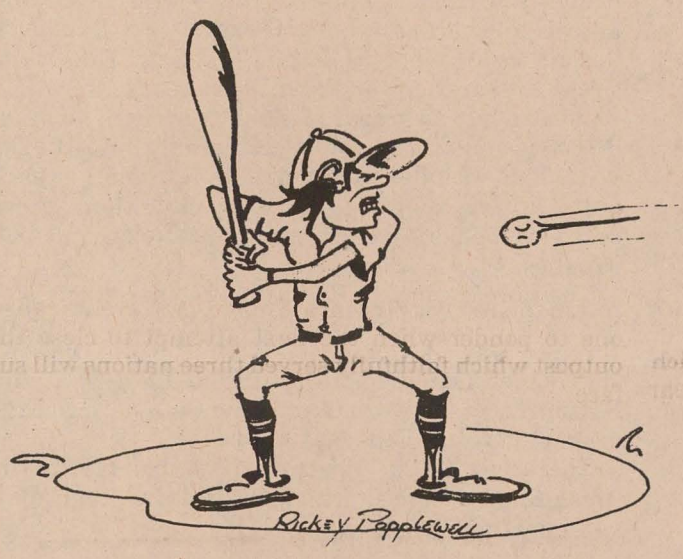
Landing so lightly
on water or land,
They catch little fish,
or bread from your hand.

They stand very proud.
Then with wings they do glide.
As they travel the seacoast,
some far, and some wide.

Here for a moment, then gone
on the winds,
We'll greet them with kindness
each time they drift in.

Silhouetting themselves
against the sky,
It's delightful to watch them
as they pass by.

Little League



*** Registration will be March 24, 1979, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Post gym.
*** Tryouts for those registered will be March 31, 1979, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Pop Hicks field.
*** Ages will be as follows:
7 thru 10 years: Pee Wee league
11 and 12 years: Bantam league
13 and 14 years: Older league
*** Fees will be $3.00 per child or $6.00 per family.
*** Proof of age **must** be provided at time of registration.
*** For more information call SFC Hamler at ext. 5311.

Pre-School gives thanks

Mrs. A. Carpenter, left, and Mrs. M. Irvine right, were presented a plaque by Col. Desmond Dewey, Director DPCA, on March 15. The plaque was to thank the Women of the Thrift Shop for their contribution to the Presidio Pre-School. The money that was contributed provided the school with playground equipment. (Photo by Bill Malkiel)

Crime Scene

by Don Delver

Blood! Her hair was matted with it and she could feel its sticky wetness on her face and neck. She felt dizzy and her head hurt her terribly, blocking out other thoughts, emotions, and even the memory of what she had just gone through.

Gradually, she was able to separate herself somewhat from the pain, and in a slow and almost childlike manner she began to reconstruct what had happened to her. "He had been so nice," she said again and again, unable to comprehend the change that had come over him once inside his apartment. His rage had stunned and then terrified her. The smiling, seemingly gentle man she had met at the disco had become a grotesque caricature of himself, screaming at her, his huge hand thudding into the side of her head. He had slapped her repeatedly until she almost lost consciousness, then he had raped her, and finally he had simply shoved her out the door and down the stairs into the dark street.

She felt arms lifting her and heard a confusing mixture of voices that trailed off into silence. She awoke in the emergency room at the hospital, her head clearer although still quite painful. She was glad to be alive, and grateful to whomever had called for the ambulance.

Gradually the hospital procedures took on a kind of surrealistic appearance, and people seemed to move through a dreamlike fog. Her thoughts drifted back through all the warnings she had ever heard, and had forgotten almost as soon as she had heard them. She hadn't wanted to deal with her own vulnerability, so she had simply ignored any suggestions that she take precautions to protect herself.

This common attitude has left many women both physically and psychologically unprepared to deal with rape, and the damage many suffer goes far beyond the physical injuries they may sustain.

The Provost Marshal urges everyone to learn the facts about rape. Rape affects the families, the friends and the co-workers as well as the victims, and its effects can last for years after the visible scars have healed. For more information on protecting yourself and your loved ones, call 561-5011. Don't be a pigeon.

News notes

Secretaries week

National Secretaries Week is April 23 - 27. The Presidio will observe this day by having a Secretaries Day luncheon sponsored by The Presidio Federal Women's Program Committee.

Guest speaker for the event will be Francine Linda Bodell, Administrative Secretary for Foremost-McKesson, Inc., and President, Golden Gate Chapter, National Secretaries Association (International). Francine's topic for discussion will be "Todays secretary - who is she?"

The date for the luncheon is April 25. Lunch will be at noon with a no host cocktail period at 11:30 in the Officer's Club. Cost will be $6.00. For further info contact Wanda Greer, ext. 2022.

Supersitters course

ACS will sponsor the annual supersitter course on April 12 (noon - 4 p.m.) and April 13 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). The course will cover safety in the home, first aid, handling a small baby, discipline and also give ideas for children's activities. Completion of both sessions entitles a person to a Red Cross supersitter certificate and then be registered on the ACS babysitting list. Persons who are 13 years old or older are invited to attend. Please call ACS, ext. 5057 or 5156 before April 5th.

DOD energy brief

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1979 (AFPS) — The Department of Defense has advised the military departments and defense agencies to take immediate measures to reduce the consumption of petroleum fuels.

In a memorandum to Secretaries of the Military Departments and Directors of Defense Agencies, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics Robert B. Pirie, Jr., suggested steps to conserve fuel consumption.

The measures are being taken in compliance with direction from President Carter "to take immediate steps to reduce the use of petroleum fuels."

The goal for the Department of Defense is to reduce facility and administrative uses of energy five percent below current consumption levels. This will be a savings of almost 400,000 barrels of oil equivalent monthly. In Fiscal Year 1978, DoD consumed 276 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Operational readiness activities are exempt from the President's directive. However, Mr. Pirie's memorandum advised that operational activities be conducted in the most efficient means possible.

The memorandum listed the following suggestions to conserve petroleum fuels:

- Lower thermostat settings in Defense owned and operated buildings to not more than 65 degrees during the day and 55 degrees during the night.
- Reduce electrical use generally throughout agency activities, particularly lighting.
- Reduce petroleum use by eliminating unnecessary activities and vehicle trips and combining and consolidating the essential ones.
- Reduce agency activities that use large amounts of energy and could be deferred, such as research and experimental activities that involve the use of high intensive energy equipment.
- Pursue employee awareness programs on energy conservation and promote employee use of car pools and mass transit.

Presidio players

Calling all black actors and actresses for "A RAISIN IN THE SUN." Tryouts will be held at the Presidio Playhouse on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. for Lorraine Hansberry's famous play. Casting calls for 6 black men, 3 women, 1 boy (age 11-13), and 1 white male. Previous acting experience is not required, but a genuine interest and availability for rehearsals after duty hours and on weekends are necessary. For an appointment time on one of the above dates, call 561-3992 from 1-5 p.m., beginning March 26. "A RAISIN IN THE SUN" will open at the Playhouse in June and will be presented in conjunction with the FORSCOM Festival of the Performing Arts.

Rec Center news

LIVE ROCK BAND: A real live Rock and Roll Band will be at your Recreation Center (Log Cabin) on March 24 at 8 p.m. till Midnight. The group is "NIMBUS". So if you are looking for something different to do this Saturday Nite just truck on up to the Log Cabin.

WINE TOUR: This Sunday March 25th we will visit some of the world famous Sonoma County Vineyards. The Recreation Center will charter a motor coach and transport only 38 lucky people to some of the oldest, and finest, vineyards in Northern CA. So Hurry up to Bldg 1299 and register TODAY.

Beat the High cost of Food Prices. Join the Nite life Dinner Club through the Log Cabin, Bldg 1299, Your Presidio Recreation Center. Open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Red Cross announces class

Expecting your first baby - or grandchild? Learn the things you need to know to make your first baby's arrival and care a wonderful experience. Banish the 'I don't know what to do now" feeling. Take a Red Cross Preparation for Parenthood course, now. You will learn how to prepare for baby's arrival, labor and delivery, and how to give infant care through the first year. This includes such valuable information as infant bathing, diapering, feeding, nutrition, growth and development, safety, immunizations, and baby supplies.

The Preparation for Parenthood course starts Monday, April 9, and is held on six consecutive Mondays, through May 14, from 7:30 - 9:30PM p.m. Location is the Golden Gate Chapter of the Red Cross, at 1550 Sutter Street (between Gough and Octavia, San Francisco.

There is a $3.00 registration fee, per family unit (including husbands, grandparents, etc.). Sign up by calling 776-1500, extension 261.

Resolute retires after long service

by Sandy McKay

The Resolute was built by the Globe Shipbuilding Company in Superior Wisconsin, in 1944 and launched on 14 October of the same year.

She served with the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1951. On April 1, 1951 she began Military Sea Transportation Service and was crewed by the Japanese, who used the ship on the North Pacific. At that time a special Ice bow was installed.

The Resolute was mothballed in 1959 at Olympia Washington, until the U.S. Army re-activated her in July, 1968 as a training ship, initially moored at Treasure Island and assigned to the 483rd Transportation Battalion (Terminal). The ship was moved in October, 1968 to San Francisco Naval Shipyard (Hunters Point) and used for limited training by the 477th and 861st transportation companies.

On June 21, 1971, the Resolute was moved to Rio Vista storage area (an annex of Sharpe Army Depot) as a permanent home for training terminal service type units. The personnel of the 481st transportation Company (Heavy Boat) and 861st Transportation Company(Terminal Service) operated the ship until January 23, 1979 when she was turned over to the Maritime Commission and mothballed in Suisun Bay. Terminal Services have converted to containerized cargo and, consequently, have made the Resolute obsolete for training.

Principal Characteristics:

Length: 338/ft.
Beam: 50/ft.
CargoUnladen Weight: 4,700/tons
Propellor Diameter: 11/11/feet
Pitch: 6 feet 6 inches
Top Speed: 180 rpm; 11.5 Crew: 38 men

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by Muriel Pirelli

You're loved as a baby by all of us

Even though at times you make a fuss

All bubbly, tiny fingers, tiny toes,

Rosy cheeks, and button nose

One year, two, how fast they pass

Fore long, you're a walking, talking lad or lass

The years from then go by so fast

How can it be so much time has passed

Every phase that you go through

Causes to wonder at all you do

How we all do love you so

It makes us happy just to watch you grow

Little ones, though, it may not always seem that way.

Daddy, Mommy, and all of us love you more each day.

In recognition of The Year of the Child see pages 4 and 5.

Brenda Chapman

Every American ought to have the right to be treated as he would wish his children to be treated.

— John F. Kennedy

by Ted Elisee

It often saddens me think,
How often we have been on the brink,
Of war, destruction, and things defiled,
In this important year of the child.
Children bring joy to many,
How sad not to have any,
Children who are loving and kind,
In this world which is yours and mine.
The smile on their face,
The tears in their eyes,
How can we deny them,
Peace in their lives?
Kiss them goodnight,
and hold them tight,
Give them your love.
Dispel the fright
God is with us-
or so they say.
And so is the child
For another day.
Remember to be mild,
In this year of the child.

Double dipping

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - The Army has received detailed DOD guidance on dual-compensation-collecting both military retirement pay and Federal civilian employment pay. Limits on dual compensation, or so called "double-dipping," were imposed last year with the passage of the Civil Service Reform Act.

The DOD guidance, issued to comply with the law, includes the following restrictions on dual compensation:

(A) Any officer or EM retiring after January 11 of this year who becomes a Federal employee may collect combined military retirement and Federal civilian pay of no more than $47,500 a year (current rate for level V of the executive schedule). This ceiling is subject to increase by pay hikes. When the combined entitlement is more than level V, retirement pay will be reduced accordingly.

(B) All regular officers are still subject to an earlier law. That law, under current pay scales, limits retired regular officers to collecting the first $4,709 of their annual retirement pay plus one-half of their remaining retirement pay entitlement, if they hold Federal jobs. Regular officers retiring after January 11 are still subject to that limit plus the new combined retirement and Federal job pay ceiling.

Some exceptions to the dual compensation limits, as outlined in the DOD guidance, are:

(A) Costs for participating in any survivor benefit program or Veteran's insurance program.

(B) Veteran's administration (VA) disability compensation that is received by waiving an equal amount of military retirement pay.

(C) Disability (medical) retirement pay stemming from line-of-duty injury or disease directly resulting armed conflict or caused by an instrumentality of war during a period of war.

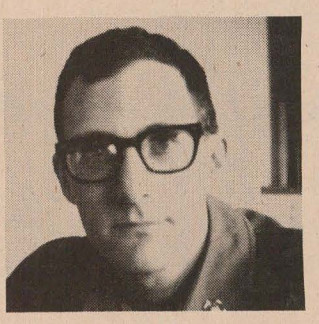
(D) Retirement pay will not be reduced for the first 30 days employment if a retiree is employed on a temporary (full or part-time) or intermittent basis.

(E) Military personnel who retired on or before January 11, regardless of when they begin a Federal job, are not subject to the new limits.

(F) Reserve officers and EM who qualify for retirement, but do not yet receive retirement pay solely because they are not yet 60 years old, are exempt from the new limits if they held a Federal job on or before October 13, 1978 if they continue to hold a Federal job (with no more than a three-day break in service).

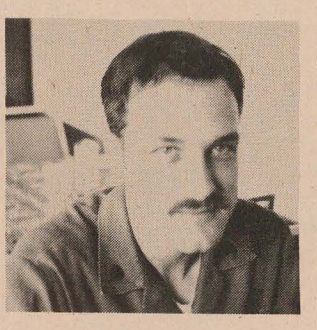
Ramblin' Sam

What do you think of the reserved parking policy on post?



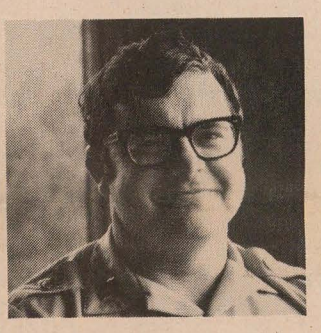
Sp5 Richard Anderson, Accounting Specialist, Welcome Center - "For the handicapped, I have no objections. However, there should only be a catch as catch can policy for the rest of the people on post."

Mrs. Dana Green, Clerk Typist, Defense Investigative Service - "I think it's good. I don't have one, but I think it's good. It saves some time for certain people to reach an organization in the morning."



Sp5 Tom Palmatier, Bandsman, Sixth Army Band - "I really don't care about the policy because I drive a motorcycle."

Mr. Rick Miller, Director CPO - "On a post like the Presidio, where ample parking exists, I really don't believe that reserved parking is a necessity. Some form of reserved parking is necessary though; for example, the handicapped, and for places where services are provided to the public, such as Letterman, where there will be patients who require a space.



Capt. Michael Lancaster, Chief Bacteriology, LAMC / "I think there is too much reserved parking space on post. Everywhere you go you see reserved marking painted on the ground. I believe some of these markings are old and are not actually reserved spots any more."

EM Ball

An enlisted Ball will be held at the NCO Club on April 6 at 6 p.m.

The purpose of the ball is to bid farewell to departing enlisted persons on post and to welcome newly arrived members. All soldiers and their guests and also civil servants GS-6 and below, with guests, are invited to attend.

The evening will begin with a no host cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 8. Dancing will begin immediately after. The menu for the evening will be capon, or roast beef. Dress will be blues or greens with white shirt and bow tie.

For further information call MSG Bibb, ext 5247.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my views on the barracks policy at the Presidio. I am sure that there are many people within this post like myself who have resided in billets at other posts where coed facilities are maintained who will agree the Presidio is long overdue in **at least** allowing visitation privileges between the sexes. I doubt very seriously if one military installation has met its demise after changing it's policy on this matter.

There is no doubt that it would improve one aspect of the morale of troops assigned to HQ USAG if they did not have to go "lurking" through the halls of the billets wondering if someone would turn them in. Yes, there are people in these buildings at times who are not authorized to be here and they will continue to "visit" because the fact of the matter is by continuing to follow a policy that is, to say the least, "archaic", the officials here are causing a lot of otherwise upright and trustworthy individuals to go astray.

I am sure I am not alone in requesting the appropriate officials to seriously reconsider their position on this matter and act accordingly.

Patricia James

Dear Editor:

The subject of this letter is crime prevention and particularly, crime prevention at LAMC. A question: Is LAMC a breeding place for crime? It is a well-known fact that all people are more than trustworthy and since this is the case, it isn't necessary to lock up valuables. It is an unfortunate fact that not too many individuals are all that trustworthy and take advantage of the trusting people by waiting and watching for unsecured, unattended offices, patients' rooms and personal vehicles.

The location of LAMC makes it a great avenue of escape for such criminals into the city of San Francisco and the surrounding civilian community. The number and variety of patients and visitors received by LAMC every day gives some indication of the amount of Security required to protect personal property as well as that of the US government.

That prevention of crime is the responsibility of everyone is a well-known fact. It is not so well-known that the Military Police, acting alone, cannot stop or effectively deter would-be criminals without the help of every responsible individual.

Here are a few suggestions that would help the Military Police at LAMC in stopping and curtailing criminals:

(1) Don't park near the access roads to the Presidio after duty hours at night if at all possible and make certain your vehicle is locked.

(2) Be certain that office doors are locked or secured when the office is not in use.

(3) Report or challenge any suspicious appearing individuals you notice roaming around in the LAMC area.

(4) Mark all your personal items for identification.

At the present time there is an increase in crimes against property at LAMC. The increase is only a reflection of a report from the San Francisco Police that crimes of violence are decreasing while crimes against property are taking a sharp increase. The increase in property crimes should concern each of us since in the majority of cases the loss could have been prevented. Most of the property crimes within LAMC area involve unsecured items.

Crime prevention is one of today's major concern both within the military and the civilian community. Police agencies have said time and again that crime is either deterred or solved with the help of indiviodual citizens. Let us face upto the fact that with the help of all responsible persons in preventing crime that there will be a smaller number of criminals to catch.

Jimmy D. Brasher, SSG

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

Things are pretty quiet this week with the 51st Engineer Detachment and the 170th MP Company in the field.

The 16th AG Det., did report that 2d Lt. John Stein is attending the CBR school and Pfc Richard Bartlett is attending the Small Arms Repair Course. Both schools are at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Pvt. Janet Love has joined the folks at HHD, 504th MP Co. She was transferred from USAG. The Army Commendation Medal has been awarded to Sgt. Mike Schirmers, who'll soon be PCSing to Alaska. Donna Tyler is the unit's newest E-3 since she added that extra stripe.

The 163rd MP Co., bids farewell this week to Sgt. Esera Leota who is PCSing to attend the Drill Sergeant School, to Spec 4 George Leddon who is ETSing and to Sgt. Robert Lane another ETSer who also received the Army Commendation Medal.

Congratulations to Hq Co, USAG, and especially to Spec 5 Elano Umale, on the unit reaching their goal in the Hometown News Release program for the month of March.

"How come there are two of them?" That was the reaction of Darren Kinne, son of Sgt 1st Cl. and Mrs. Donald Kinne, when he saw actor Ronnie Schell (one of Gomer Pyle's side kicks) on the television and sitting on the couch in his living room. Schell was at the Presidio as part of a television crew which was filming a commercial on post. The Kinne's were kind enough to provide a dry spot for members of the cast during several rainy periods.

Schell, taped a portion on the Dinah Shore show before coming to do the commercial. He is a really interesting fellow.

Just been promoted, received an award, just arrived, or reenlisted? If so, have you filled out a **Hometown News Release?** The Hometown News Center in Kansas City can provide news of your achievement to the folks back home by filling out a simple form.

If you fall in one of the above categories stop by your orderly room and fill out the Hometown News Release (DA Form 1526) and have them forward it to the Public Affairs Office, Building 37 Presidio. Or just stop by and see us.

Last week we discussed the new uniform regulation. We made a mistake so LADIES TAKE NOTE!.

The regulation limits the wear of the female green sweater as an outer garment to the green cords, hospital duty, training duty, and food service uniforms. The sweater may not be worn as an outer garment with any other uniform. check AR 670-1.

Blood Drive

The Second Quarter Presidio Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, April, 24 at 8 a.m.

The drive for blood is an important one. For the convenience of those who will donate, two locations have been coordinated for the drive. Participants will be able to give at the Presidio NCO Club, Bldg. 135 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Education Center, Bldg. 1216 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The results of the First Quarter All Presidio Blood Drive was successful. Through the efforts of those who donated, and those who worked on the project, 361 units of blood were obtained. This was 300 percent over previous average donations!

This is definitely a step in the right direction. We hope to maintain this momentum.

Wives Club

The Enlisted Men's Wives Club will hold their monthly Bake Sale on April 2, at 9 a.m. by the snack bar at LAMC.

The wives are preparing an Easter basket for a needy family, also. Donations for the basket are encouraged. The regular monthly meeting for the wives will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 2 in the new NCO Club. All are invited. For further information contact Mrs. Peggy Neeley, ext 5939.

Mayor gives award to military policemen

by Tom Tiernan

Two Presidio of San Francisco military policemen have been awarded the San Francisco Police Department's highest award for citizen heroism, "The Citizen's Meritorious Conduct Award," during ceremonies in the Hall of Justice March 28.

Private First Class James E. Nelson and Private Kris Melvin were honored by Mayor Dianne Feinstein for saving the life of an elderly man who accidently drove his car into San Francisco Bay, November 24, 1978.

The two soldiers, who were returning to the Presidio from a sightseeing tour at Fisherman's Wharf, observed the car moving backwards and alling into the bay, with the driver still inside.

Melvin and Nelson quickly stripped and jumped into the freezing waters and swam to the car which was still floating on the surface. The man inside was dazed and unable to get out of the car under his own power. As the car began to sink the two military policemen tried to get the driver to open the window.

Failing to understand, the victim opened the window slightly which caused the car to sink faster. The suction was also beginning to pull the two down with it. Nelson and Melvin fought their way free and swam away from the car to gather their strength.

The two soldiers then swam back to the car and were finally able to get the window open and to pull the victim out. They got the man back to shore and began first aid to revive him.

A San Francisco Police report cited a hospital worker as saying "if the victim had stayed under only moments longer, he would not have survived."

Their mission accomplished and the victim on the way to the hospital both the soldiers-heroes returned to their unit and went to bed. Neither told anyone of their action. It was only through the local media that their fellow soldiers learned of their deed.

Both soldiers, who had little training for this type of rescue, said they would do it again, and wished that more citizens would lend a hand when someone was in trouble.

The two were among 12 San Francisco citizens chosen from 138 others to receive the award.

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein (center) **had nothing but a smile and lots of good words for Private Kris Melvin ((left) and Private First Class James E. Melvin (right) after she presented the two with the "Citizens' Award for Meritorious Conduct." The two soldier's assigned to the 170th MP Compoany were given the award for saving the life of an elderly man who had driven his car into San Francisco Bay in November 1978. Photo by Ken Juber**

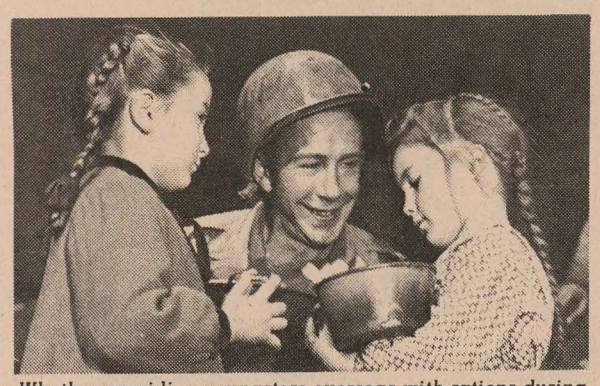
International Year of the Child

Services Aid Youngsters Worldwide

In a nation so seemingly preoccupied with youth, "the rights of children" may seem an empty phrase. Yet, hundreds of thousands of children in the United States and other countries are physically abused and otherwise neglected. Many tens of thousands, unable to stand living conditions at home, run away. Numerous others are denied a decent standard of living.

Concern for these problems and the overall welfare of children throughout the world motivated the United Nations to declare 1979 as the International Year of the Child, marking the 20th anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly's adopting the "Declaration of the Rights of the Child." That declaration begins with the statement that "mankind owes the child the best it has to give."

American military forces throughout the years have always subscribed to this philosophy. Wherever U.S. Armed Forces have fought and served, they have had a way with and a concern for children.



Whether providing youngsters overseas with rations during WW II, above, or working today with youth groups in the States, military members continue to demonstrate their concern for children at home and abroad.

More than a century ago, a writer described the Confederate soldier and his affection for children: "Children played in the camps, delighted to nestle in the arms of the roughly-clad but tender-hearted soldiers." And for more than half of this century, through four major wars, the first English words many foreign youngsters learned was, "Hey Joe, you got gum?"

The response of our fighting forces has been not only in gum, but in many instances the last bit of food they carried with them. It has been expressed in military medical care provided children victims of war, the scores of orphanages built to house those left homeless, and the collection of food, clothing, books and other necessities of life for children overseas from people back home.

Bill Mauldin said it well for G.I.s all over the world and down through the years when he wrote in his book, *Up Front:* "It would take a pretty tough guy not to feel his heart go out to the shivering little six-year-old squeaker who stands barefoot in the mud, holding a big tin bucket so the dogface can empty his mess kit into it. Many soldiers, veterans of the Italian campaign and thousands of similar buckets, still go back and sweat out the mess line for an extra chop and hunk of bread for those little kids."

But the U.S. Armed Forces' concern for children has not been limited to wartime situations and youngsters overseas. Today, Big Brother, Big Sister, and similar programs at numerous U.S. posts, bases, and stations lend a helping hand to youths in neighboring communities. Military support for Scout programs and yearly food, clothing and toy drives during the holiday seasons are also representative of the continuing interest in the welfare of our nation's children.

The American military's long-standing concern for children at home and abroad adds a special dimension to the worldwide 1979 Year of the Child observance.

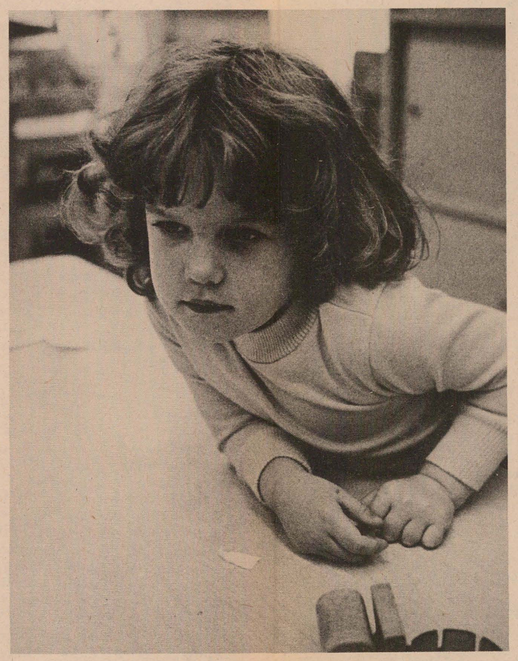
In recognition of The Year of the Child

Photos by Bill Malkiel

Erin Lauten

Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child has to work for a living,
But a child that's born on the Sabbath day
Is fair and wise and good and gay.

— Anononymous



Tasha Welter

Look not mournfully into the Past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the Present. It is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future, without fear, and with a manly heart.

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Kelly Montgomery

No man has ever lived that's had enough of children's gratitude or women's love.

— William Yeats

Michael Carey

If there is anything that we wish to change in a child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could be better changed in ourselves.

— Carl Jung

Andrea Lynn Freeman

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

— Numbers 6:24 - 26

Scotty Barclay

And he who gives a child a treat, makes joy-bells ring in Heaven's street, and he who gives a child a home, builds palaces in Kingdom's come.

— John Masefield

Keith Davis

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream by night.

— Edgar Allen Poe

News notes

Citizen of the Quarter

Do you know of someone (military, dependents, civilians) who should be recognized for their significant contribution to our military community? If you do, they can be nominated for the Presidio Community Citizen of the Quarter award. Nominations should be submitted on PSF Form 822 to the Army Community Service Officer, bldg 214 NLT April 10. For further information, call ACS, 561-5057/5155.

Letterman Women's Club

SPRING TRAINING IS HERE FOR US ALL!! It's time to get yourself in shape and slip into the fashionable summer styles. The theme of the April 12, Letterman Women's Club meeting is physical conditioning and exercise.

Joannie Greggains of Channel 5's Morning Show will be the guest speaker. She will offer advice on how to get your body toned and explain how exercise helps you feel your best.

A brunch will be served at 10 a.m. at the Presidio Officer's Club.

Hostesses for the brunch will be from the departments of OB-GYN and Medical Services.

For reservations please call Judy Cannon (561-4621) in San Francisco or Bail Beatrice (472-2996) in Marin.

PREVIEW

The finale of the L.W.C. year will be a semi-formal dinner dance on May 5. Circle the date and plan to join everyone for an enjoyable evening with friends!

Allotments

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - Using a pay allotment is a convenient way to build a savings account. Soldiers may start a pay allotment at any time for savings, insurance, dependent support, contributions to charities such as the Combined Federal Campaign and for educational savings, according to Army finance officials.

Allotments may also be used to repay home loans, Red Cross or Army Emergency Relief Loans, and debts to government agencies other than the Army, officials added. Some soldiers may not understand, however, officials said, that allotments are not intended to pay bills or to repay loans to private credit companies.

Soldiers must fill out a Jumps-Army allotment authorization (DD Form 1341) to start an allotment. This form authorizes the Finance Center to subtract the allotment at the same time such deductions as taxes are made, officials explained.

Soldiers should check with their orderly room or local finance office before starting an allotment.

ACS news

If you add up all of your debts (excluding mortgage or rent) and the amount is more than you can pay off in one year, then you are headed for trouble. For example, if you can make monthly payments of $100 and owe $1,200 or less, you are not in immediate danger of defaulting; if, on the other hand, the total amounts to $3,600 and you cannot make payments of $300 a month, then you are overextended and in danger of defaulting.

Chapter 13 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act may be the answer to your indebtedness, however. Chapter 13, also known as the Wage Earner Plan, was implemented into the Federal Bankruptcy Act in 1938. It was designed to formulate a plan whereby people having financial difficulties and who depend on a wage, salary, or commission to make a living could keep their possessions, still pay their bills, and avoid the stigma of bankruptcy.

What Chapter 13 does is allow people to extend bills out over a period of time, thereby reducing the amount of each payment. Maximum time is three years.

Once the plan has been implemented, creditors cannot hassle you, your possessions cannot be repossessed, service charges, late charges and, in most cases, interest charges are stopped. If a creditor breaks the provisions of the Wage Earner Plan, such as contacting the debtor or employer or company commander, they are subject to a $5,000 fine and one year in jail.

How does the plan work? After a court has approved your Wage Earner Plan, payments are made by the wage earner to a court appointed trustee. As an officer of the U.S. District Court, the Trustee accepts the money, keeps the records and makes disbursements to creditors.

Compared to a straight bankruptcy, charges in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy are very minimal. Court costs including the necessary forms cost about $35. The Trustee's administrative costs run about 10% of the total amount of the client's indebtedness. A lawyer is not a necessity if a feasible plan for payments can be worked out with the Trustee; however, many people prefer to use a lawyer, whose fees run from $200 to $350. Lawyer's charges are also pro rated into the plan.

Library Week

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, 1-7 April 1979, is to promote use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services available at their local libraries.

Presidio Post Library System has two facilities with holdings of approximately 48,000 books, 6,000 records and tapes, and 235 magazines and newspapers. These materials can be located at the Main Post Library, Bldg. 386 or the Letterman Branch Library, Bldg. 1100, Room 104.

Special collections consist of the following: military arts and science, Contemporary Military Reading Program, histories of Presidio, San Francisco and California, art reproductions, large print books and telephone directories of major cities. Another special collection is the children's books. Also featured for children are pre-school and Post nursery story hours each week. During summer vacation the library conducts a Summer Reading Club Program.

Reference and Reader's advisory services, interlibrary loans and reserves, and ward services to the patients at LAMC are additional services. Recordings for circulation, copy machine and new-up-to-date stereophonic equipment are special features at the Main Post Library.

Library privileges are available to active, reserve components, and retired military personnel and their authorized dependents, civilian employees of the Presidio and others in special categories, i.e., Public Health Service personnel and their dependents.

Refreshments will be served at Open House on Wednesday, 4 April 1979 main post library from 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to join ous in this celebration of National Library Week.

For additional information on the libraries and their services, contact one of the following:

Main Post Library, Bldg. 386
561-3448/5037
OPEN Tues & Wed noon to 9 p.m.
Thurs noon to 7 p.m.
CLOSED Mon & Holidays
Letterman Branch Library
Bldg. 1100, Room 104
561-2892/2900
OPEN Mon - Fri 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Sat, Sun & Holidays

YMCA news

New sessions of Central YMCA's dance classes will be starting the first week of April. Classes include Ballroom, Tap, Ballet, Modern, Jitterbug and International Folk Dance.

In addition, a new class in Contemporary Jazz Dance for experienced dancers will be offered by Ann Barrett.

Other classes starting are How to Buy Your Own Home, Speedreading, Photography, Yoga, Flute and Recorder.

For a full listing of classes contact Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, phone 885-0460.

Ed Center news

BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (BSEP) This program consists of high school level English, math, reading, and social studies classes. It is especially appropriate for personnel who need to raise their reading, vocabulary, spelling, and math skills to meet Army standards. Personnel enrolling in this program without a high school diploma or state GED certificate can obtain a diploma or certificate if the successfully complete the classes and pass the GED tests because the classes are accredited by Galileo Community College Center of San Francisco. Classes will be held 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Mon thru Fri from April 11 to June 15, at the Ft Scott Education Center. Military, dependents and civilians can enroll in these classes. For further information or to enroll call the Education Center, ext 2974/4445.

GT PREPARATION CLASS This program is an intensive review of English and math in preparation for retaking the Army Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. The course is especially appropriate for military personnel who need or want to raise their GT score to reenlist, be promoted, or qualify for an Army service school. Classes will be held 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Mon thru Fri, from April 11 to 15 June, at the Ft Scott Education Center. Call the Education Center, ext 2974/4445 to reserve a place in class.

KRON Health Fair

Thousands of Bay Area residents will be asking, "What's a Health Fair?" The answer is: an opportunity to have your health checked through a series of free tests. In some categories there are nominal processing fees, but the majority of the tests are free.

The KRON Community Health Fair opens on Monday, April 2nd, in dozens of locations from Santa Rosa to San Jose. These sites will provide tests for Blood Pressure, Hearing, Anemia, Vision, Glaucoma, Oral & Breast cancer, as well as a series of blood tests covering a variety of conditions. Questions concerning the Fair can be answered by calling toll-free, **800-652-1169.**

The health tests are NOT a substitute for a thorough medical checkup. Instead, they are designed to serve as an early detection system, with followup by a physician to be the participants' responsibility.

The Fair is being produced through the cooperation of KRON (Channel 4), the National Health Screening Council for Voluntary Agencies, private business firms acting as sponsors, hospitals and governmental health agencies, with the Red Cross serving as coordinator.

Any questions can be answered by calling **800-652-1169.**

The 1979 Greater Bay Area Health Fair sponsored by KRON-TV in conjunction with the National Health Screening Council, will kick off its activities on Saturday, March 31st from noon until 7:00 P.M. in the area bounded by Mason, Mitchell, Jauss and Marshall Streets just west of the Commissary by the beach at the Presidio.

Presidio Community residents are invited - and encouraged - to visit the Health Fair site where they will have the opportunity to have blood pressure checked, get weighed, measured and their temperature taken.

The purpose of a health fair is to provide health-related screening to help provide early detection of potential health problems and to educate the public in preventative health care. Such screening is without cost to the visitor who avails himself to the offered tests.

Other highlights of the Health Fair include the display of a Medical Unit Self Contained-Transportable (MUST) unit by the 8th Combat Support Hospital, 7th Infantry Division of Fort Ord.

KRON-TV will tape the event for showing on its "Saturday Live" show. Participants will be interviewed by KRON talent.

"Say Hello to Good buys"

If you're in the market for anything from plants, pots, antiques, artifacts, artwork, clothes, or even household goods at bargain basement prices, then the flea market might just be the place for you.

Located just 5 miles north of the Presidio in a large field on Highway 101, you'll find one of the largest flea markets in the Bay Area. Take Highway 101 north to the Marin City exit. Take the exit, bear right and you're there. The market is open on weekends from 6 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Now for some tips on shopping.

(1) Don't get too excited. If you've found something you really like, don't let the seller know you're interested before he gives you the price. If he knows you want it, he'll probably quote a higher price.

(2) Don't be afraid to argue. Many of the sellers need the money and will sell for a lower price if you argue with them. Of course, it's harder to bargain with some of the dealers and only a few will take less than their original quote.

(3) Don't get there too late. Some of the best buys are made by 7 a.m. It's a known fact that collectors flood the market during the first hour and buy up some of the best buys before the crowds arrive. However, just before closing is also a good time as some sellers will practically give the stuff away just so they don't have to cart it home.

So, if you get a chance to head-on-over, I'd like to wish you luck when you, "Say hello, to some good-buys."

Ken Juber

"Court of Last Resort"

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (ARNEWS) - An officer here calls it the soldiers' "Court of Last Resort" for many military personnel actions. And although this description implies a desperate appeal, thousands of soldiers each year discover that having the "cases" heard pays off.

The "Court" is MILPERCEN's interview and assistance office, where EM can visit unannounced and attempt to have assignments changed, obtain compassionate reassignments and arrange to serve in or avoid special duty assignments. Whether a court or interview room is imagined, the office actually is neither. Instead, it resembles a spacious lounge that is well decorated and simple.

As many as 300 EM visit here during an average week in the peak months from July through October. The typical visitor is an E4 or E5. Most want to change an assignment order and many are on leave within a couple of weeks or days or reporting to a new station. Commonly, Soldiers want to avoid an overseas PCS. Some on compassionate grounds, some for financial reasons and others because they simply don't want to go overseas. In contrast, many want one of several "choice" assignments, mostly Hawaii, but also in demand are Fort Carson, Colo., and areas in Calif. and Fla.

Others want to avoid areas they think are too costly, like Germany, Wash. D.C., San Francisco and many large cities.Many other soldiers visit here in hopes of reversing a local decision on retirement, discharges, reenlistment bars, MOS reclassifications or having a "bad" EER upgraded or removed from a record.

As its name implies, the interview and assistance office does just that. It listens to soldier's problems and requests and refers these soldiers to their MOS management office, compassionate reassignment section or the specific MILPERCEN activity that can help them. It helps cut red tape and makes sure that soldiers get what they came for, or an explanation of why they didn't.

When an explanation for a no answer is all a soldiers does get, an office official said, "I can assure you he gets full answers here, but not necessarily different than he got locally."

Among soldiers who visit here seeking compassionate reassignments, the official said, about half are able to get what they wanted.

Getting help from the "top" doesn't mean you have to personally visit here. You may also write or call.

If visiting in person, you can find the office in Room 475 of the Hoffman One Building, 2461 Eisenhowever Avenue, Alexandria, VA. 22332.

If calling, dial Autovon 221-7792/3/4, or Commercial (202) 325-7792/3/4 or write to the interview and assistance office at the above address.

MILPERCEN officials caution that soldiers who drive here often get lost or have their cars towed because they don't park in areas reserved for visitors. They advise visitors to keep the office's phone number handy for asking directions and checking on legal parking.

"Quotes"

"When a dollar stays in your community it is still a dollar. But when it goes to Washington, it is diluted and trimmed and comes back a mighty small piece of change." — Dr. A. C. Sudan

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude." — Thoms Jefferson

"The reason for high taxes is to keep folks from spending their money foolishly on things they want so the government can spend it foolishly on things other folks want." — Author Unknown

Sports

Soccer

The Presidio Cosmos continued their winning ways with a 6-0 defeat of the Olympic Club on March 17. Fred Kaas sparked the team with four goals, three of which were solo efforts. Damon Rich, Cosmos' leading scorer, had 1 goal and two assists. Robert Linder tallied his first goal of the season late in the second period. Fine supporting play was turned in by Eric Svendson who had an assist from his wing position. A strong defensive effort by Jodie Cason, Rocky Wicks, Rancy Kim, Kevin Blake, and Robert McAuley denied the Olympic Club any shots on goal during the first half. New Goalkeeper Scott Szurick registered his first shutout.

On March 19, the Cosmos played the Sunset Rockets, a Police Athletic League entry primarily comprised of city youth all-stars from the winter leagues. The Cosmos played their finest game of the year by winning 3-0. The defense of Scott Kim, Andy Jones, and Jodie Cason kept the Rockets from having a single shot on goal for the entire game. Strong supportive play was turned in by wings Eric Svendson, Andy Leon, and Robert Linder and halfback Bo Branch. Damon Rich had two unassisted goals. Fred Kaas drove home a scorcher from twnety-five yards out on a cross from wing Randy Kim. Goalies Scott Szurick and Mike Stojic combined for the shutout.

The Cosmos ended the regular season on March 24 with a disappointing loss to a fine Westlake Wildcat team. Suffering from a torn leg tendon, goalkeeper Damon Rich was unable to secure the net and the Wildcats jumped to a 3-0 halftime lead. Undaunted, the Cosmos pulled together for a thrilling second half effort sparked by the wing play of Robert Linder. Coming off the bench late in the final period, Linder quickly moved the ball downfield passing the Kaas for a shot followed by Rich for the goal. Within two minutes the scenario was repeated with a Linder to Cason to Rich tally. Time ran out, however, on the comeback effort.

The Cosmos ended the day with a team picnic and awards ceremony followed with a game against the coaches and parents. The team received recognition for its fine performance in being the first Presidio team represented in the strong red division of the California Youth Soccer Association Flame Leage. The Cosmos managed to outscore their opponents in total points and had five shutouts in 14 trys. The Cosmos balanced attack saw all team members having at least one shot on goal with ten members of the team registering tallies. They were: Damon Rich, Fred Kaas, Rocky Wick, Kevin Blake, Andy Leon, Jodie Cason, Mike Stojic, Scott Kim, Robert Linder, and Eric Svendson. Coaches awards went to Eric Svendson as the Most Improved Player; Kevin Blake, fullback, for defense and five points scored. Fred Kaas, 8 points scored, received the offense award. Best all-around went to Damon Rich with 10 scores and 63 saves and 5 points allowed in 11 games as goalkeeper. The season finale will be an All-Star game on 1 April at the Presidio's Paul Goode Field. The Cosmos will have five players participating.

In other post soccer play, all other teams have concluded their seasons except the Stompers. Winning the second round of the blue division, the Stompers, idle for the past couple weeks, have a scheduled playoff game for first place on April 7.

A warm thank you goes out to all the coaches and team helpers who contributed of their time and talents during the season. Special recognition to Bruce Wicks for making the entire Presidio Soccer Club a viable entry in the California Youth Soccer Association. This was only the second year for soccer on the Presidio and the post was extremely well represented. The Region 1 summer soccer camp will be held at the Presidio in early June.

Basketball

The Armed Forces Basketball team that was training at the Presidio under coach Hal Fischer, started their road trip to the National AAU tournament on a winning note. They swept to an impressive victory in the Western Invitational Tournament in Lewiston, Montana, scoring victories over various teams from different states in the region.

They won the finals, 95-79 from Brewster Apple Packing Co., Washington. This was the final stop on their way to the National AAU Championship at Ponca, Oklahoma. They will have their hands full, as this is a rugged tournament. Play commences March 28, with the Armed Forces meeting a club team from Kansas City.

Aquarius Swim Team

The San Francisco Rec. and Park Swim Team hosted a "B"-"A" Meet at Martin Luther King Pool in the city on March 17 and 18. Seven Aquarius swimmers participated and brought back ribbons to the Presidio. One swimmer, Robin Wicks, broke an Aquarius team record and made a Pacific Association Reportable time of 1:26.49 in the 10 year old and under 100 yd. breaststroke. Ribbons were awarded to the following swimmers for capturing a 1-6 place:

8 and Under

LISA BELL: 5th in 50 yd. freestyle, 5th in 25 yd. freestyle, 6th in 25 yd. breaststroke, 6th in 25 yd. butterfly.

REBECCA ASKEW: 6th in 25 yd. freestyle, 4th in 25 yd. backstroke.

DEREK TRABAL: 6th in 25 yd. freestyle

PATRICK LAWRENCE PALMER: 4th in 25 yd. breaststroke

9-10

ROBIN WICKS: In A Division: 5th in 100 yd. Individual Medley, 5th in 50 yd. breaststroke, 4th in 100 yd. breaststroke with a new PAR time. In B Division: 2nd in 200 yd. freestyle with a new A time.

15-18

PAUL HAAS: In A Division: 2nd in 100 yd. breaststroke, 2nd in 100 yd. freestyle. In B Division: 3rd in 500 yd. freestyle, 1st in 100 yd. backstroke.

BRYAN MEEGAN: In A Division: 3rd in 100 yd. freestyle. In B Division: 2nd in 100 yd. backstroke, 1st in 200 yd. Individual Medley.

A thrilling finish between Sam Rojas (LAMC) and Ragnar Thanning, (LAIR) after 5 miles highlighted the Post Road Racing Championship. Rojas edged Thanning by a scant 2 seconds over a rugged course. The two ran neck and neck for the last 2 miles, with Rojas squeezing out a last ditch surge from his tired body for the victory. He set a new course record for the hilly 5 mile run in the time of 29:35 (Thanning, 29:37).

Rojas won the Open division (29 years and under), while Thanning took the Sub-Masters division (30 years and older). Both won by a large margin. The Masters Division (40 years and older) saw Bud Dixon (6th Army), defeat Michael McConnell (LAMC) rather easily. McConnell would have given Dixon a better run but he barely trained for this event. He's an outstanding squash player. Both persons are great athletes for their age.

The Women's division had Allison Jones (LAIR) romp to an easy win over Deborah Burnett (LAIR).

Top places and their times are:

OPEN (Mens)

1.	Sam Rojas (LAMC)	29:35
2.	Dan Griffin (LAIR)	31:51

SUB-MASTERS

1.	Ragnar Thanning (LAIR)	29:37
2.	Ed Boland (LAMC)	33:05

OPEN (Women)

1.	Allison Jones (LAIR)	44:37
2.	Deborah Burnett (LAIR)	49:35

MASTERS

1.	Bud Dixon (6th Army)	33:43
2.	Michael McConnell (LAMC)	34:41

Brown on Defense Budget

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1979 (AFPS) — Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, in his statements to Congress in support of the FY 1980 and FY 1979 supplemental defense budgets, has told the House Budget Committee he believes we have reached the point where we can no longer reduce forces to save costs.

He said defense is receiving "the lowest fraction of the nation's resources in 40 years," and stressed that "defense has not grown and is not growing at the expense of other federal programs."

Dr. Brown pointed out that the total number of Americans in and out of uniform — including those employed in defense industry — is just more than 5,000,000, the lowest percentage of the labor force since 1941.

He cited mounting personnel costs as responsible for causing major shifts in the defense appropriation, such as funding for strategic forces (cut 53 percent), intelligence and communications (down 19 percent), and air and sealift (dropped 30 percent).

In this vein, he pointed out total manpower has been reduced 24 percent, the active Navy reduced by 48 percent, active Air Force aircraft down 40 percent, the Army constant at 16 divisions but down in reserve strength 72 percent.

"For our security, the United States today depends on fewer forces, fewer men, and fewer real resources than perhaps it has at any time since the beginning of World War II," he said.

He made it clear that "Soviet spending has shown no response to U.S. restraint — when we build, they build; when we cut, they build."

The Defense Secretary said it is unclear why the Soviets have opted for military strength, but ventured it might be to make up for other failures to compete successfully in the international arena.

"I do not see any immediate prospect of ending the military competition between the Soviet Union and the United States. SALT will not solve all our problems. Even with SALT, we will need to — and we will be permitted to — expand our strategic nuclear efforts," he said.

Dr. Brown stressed, "Today our defense is not so weak as some would have us believe, nor as strong as I would wish it to be. Real growth in defense efforts and expenditures is a necessity."

He said "only in military capability can the Soviet Union approach us," but he also observed that "recent events again have shown we live neither in a benign world, nor one from which we are well insulated."

The Defense Secretary specifically pointed out that the FY 79 supplemental defense budget, is needed primarily "to keep the MX program on a schedule responsive to the new estimates of Soviet ICBM capability in the 1980s."

And he said the FY 1980 defense budget at $135.5 billion (TOA) is needed to meet the President's pledge to increase real growth defense spending by three percent.

HRDD mission.

The PSF Human Resource Development Division (HRDD) was organized in May 1978. This division includes the offices of Equal Opportunity (EO), Organizational Effectiveness (OE) and Alcohol/Drug Control Program (ADAPCP). To keep you informed, this article will appear the first Friday of each month.

EO —

Working with the newly formed "Hispanic Committee", plans are being made for activities from May 3 thru May 6 for "Cinco De Mayo". Details will be publicized soon. * The new PSF Equal Opportunity Staff Officer (EOSO) is 1LT Ron Seikel. * EO is a "People's Program" so stop by Bldg #909 and let us know what you think!

ADAPCP —

Located in Bldg #909, we have educational materials, posters and pamphlets available free to individuals or groups. Professional treatment for alcohol/drug problems is also available for active duty military, retirees, DACs and dependents. Phone 3784, 5433, 2485, 2528 or drop-by Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Our business is people!

OE —

Currently the PSF OESCO (Organization Effectiveness Staff Officer) in conjunction with HQ, 6th USA, OE Staff, is conducting a program for control consultants. Part of this training will involve the teaching by each internal consultant of a Leadership Management Development Course (LMDC). All personnel interested in the three (3) day LMDC program contact either PSF OESO (Ph: 6084) or the Hq, 6th USA OESO (Ph: 3123).

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Commentary on the aged

Ted Elisee

Last week through the cooperation of Bill Malkiel of the Post Photo Facility, and Muriel Pirelli of Post Public Affairs, I presented a feature devoted to the "Year of the Child."

The year is devoted to the rights of children and to their general welfare. Rights is something that has been the topic of conversation and controversy for many years in this country.

It occured to me recently that there is another group of people we may be neglecting - the aged. Mork of "Mork and Mindy" put it very aptly in one of his conversations with the great one - "I don't understand these earthlings. They speak of the wisdom of old age, yet they are afraid of growing old." He went on to express confusion over the fear of something we supposedly respected. He couldn't understand why we put aside these people if we really loved and respected them.

In the past few months, I have become increasing aware of the large retirement community that depends on the Presidio. I have received calls from many individuals who read our paper and make it a regular ritual to come to the Presidio and conduct their business or just spend a leisurely day in the area. The newspaper is part of that routine.

A Captain Beaver (retired) recently came by my office to talk about his days worked in the Telephone Communications Building. He provided photos from the 1930's of that building. Another veteran provided a poem on the Golden Gate Bridge for our paper. Another man came asking for free lance work. The point? Although advanced in years - they were healthy, strong, lucid and anxious to continue being useful individuals.

Perhaps we are really missing the boat. Are we doing enough to make life useful and comfortable for our retired community? If you are one of the individuals who believe we are not doing enough, then you may be able to help. Sterne Roufa of the Human Resource Division is willing to receive calls about what can be done by the Presidio community to utilize retired individuals in various projects. If you care, why not call Sterne at 3701 soon.

Has Travolta enlisted?

The John Travolta look in uniforms is gaining popularity among soldiers who travel.

The Travolta look in case you aren't aware of it, is the leisurely appearance that takes on many forms, usually something like an unbottoned coat and a shirt collar that flares outside the coat. A hairy chest or low-cut blouse are a couple of options.

And taken to extremes, the style might include a look like the soldier just won first place in a marathon disco contest and hasn't had time to change clothes, shave, etc., but the style of course doesn't agree with regulations and standards for wearing the Army uniform. Therein rests the age-old tradition of pride in soldiering. It's not new when various levels of command "clamp down" on soldiers who are sloppy — especially in public.

Lately the rumblings about soldiers appearance in public airports and the like have grown louder and more frequent in locations throughout the world.

To the troop and commander this doesn't mean you need to brush-up on rules for wearing the uniform or what's expected of you when you're in the public eye. It means that not following the standards you already know will carry unwelcome consequence. Price in being a soldier and command responsibility to enforce standards cannot be directed in a commentary, but it can be pointed out that a war of sorts should be declared on shabby troops.

The question, then, isn't who will win, but what side are you on? **ARNews.**

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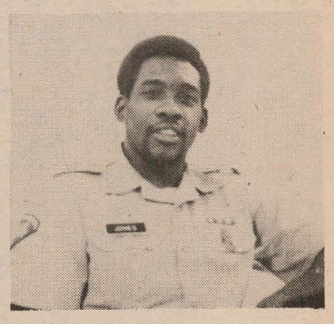
Ramblin' Sam

Do you believe in the saying "Good Guys finish last"?

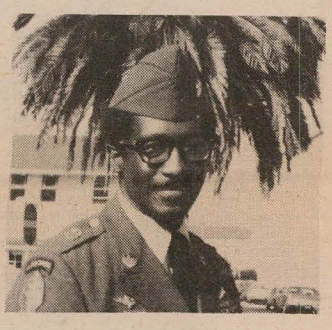
SSgt Carol Deivas, DCST 6th Army - "Yes, because to do things the correct way it takes longer but the job will be completed."



Sp5 Ray Jones, COMPACT - "No, because the cream always rises to the top."

Sp4 (Dr.) Lew Lewis, Parachute Maintenance - "No, because good guys take pride in being up front. So they try twice as hard and say the least possible."

Sp4 Daniel St. Pierre, HQ Sicth Regional Logistic CID - "Not always because it depends upon the situation, but its also how you play the game."



SFC Eugene Mitchell, HQ Commandant - "Yes, for the most part all others tend to lean towards mission accomplishment thus by passing many of the rules and procedures *the good guys love to* follow and usually comes in first with the good guy bringing up the rear."

A recruiting first

FIRST OF AS FIRST . . . **Ricky A. Caldwell, right, of San Francisco and Winchester, Kentucky, is congratulated after taking his enlistment oath as the first enlistee in the first company-size Graves Registration unit in the Reserve Components. Offering congratulations is Brigadier General Michael N. Bakarich, Chief of Staff, Sixth US Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, who administered the oath. Enlisted as a private through the Delayed Entry Program, Ricky will attend basic and advanced individual training following hisgraduation from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He is currently an employee of N. Gray and Company Funderal Service in San Francisco. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenox H. Caldwell of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Ricky is a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester. (US ARMY PHOTO)**

ACS volunteer honored

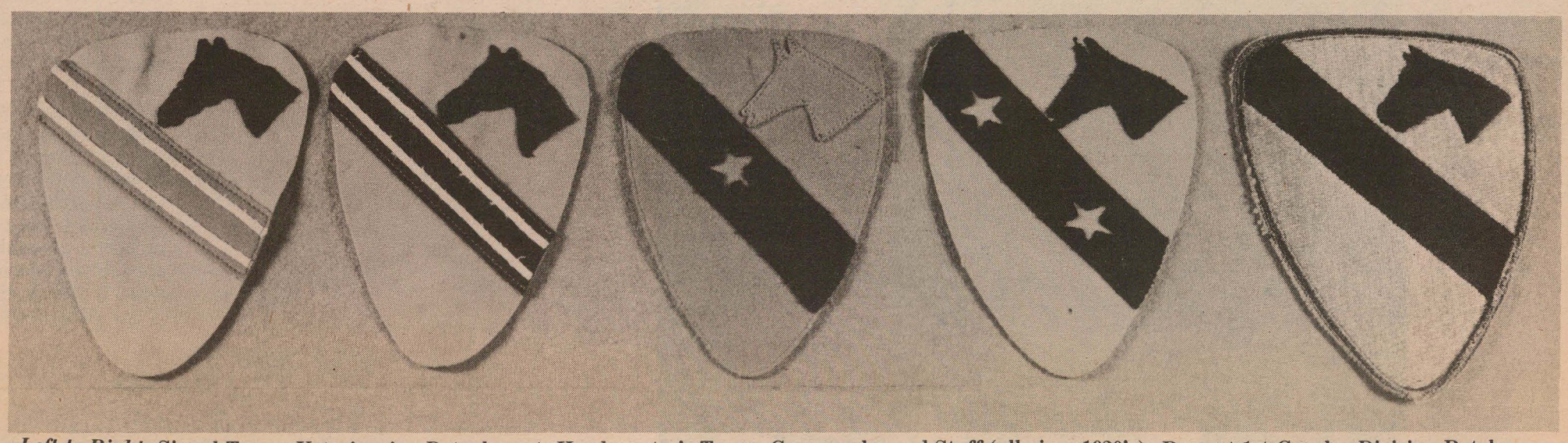
Mrs. Mary Schuster, Army Community Service volunteer, was presented the FORSCOM Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Service by Colonel John D. Hamilton, Post Commander, at the semi-annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon. Mrs. Shuster has accumulated nearly 15,000 hours of volunteer service to the Presidio Community.

Her efforts began in July 1966, and have been offered freely since that time. Mary is the coordinator for all ACS volunteer committees and Chairman of the Office Committee.

The Certificate is a first of a kind to be issued by FORSCOM, and was signed by the commander, General R. M. Shoemaker. Colonel Hamilton read the citation and added some personal comments when he made the presentation.

Mary's husband, Doug, is a retired Army Major, and works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Commentary on military shoulder patches



Left to Right. Signal Troop; Veterinarian Detachment; Headquarter's Troop; Commander and Staff (all circa 1920's) Present 1st Cavalry Division Patch.

By John Langellier

During World War I the United States Army began to adopt a new form of insignia commonly known as the "shoulder patch."

Following this same practice, the 1st Cavalry Division sought a distinctive patch after its activation on September 13, 1912. A request went out for individuals to submit their ideas.

Colonel Ben Dorcy and his wife Gladys submitted the winning design which they fabricated from a swatch of yellow taken out of the Colonel's dress cape and a bit of material from his blue dress trousers. For a short period of time, the local tailor turned out a few of the blue on yellow versions until the War Department finally authorized the official division patch with black instead of blue.

In all other aspects, the prescribed version resembled the Dorcy's design which was "large to be worn by big men who go places and do big things and so as to be easily seen across the wide parade ground of Fort Bliss." The gold background symbolized the setting sun of the Texas prarie, while the wide black stripe represented "service" based upon the old practice of trooper's service chevron which once appeared on both sleeves to indicate enlistments. The shield harkened back the romantic era of the knights and therefore stood for chivalry and valor. Lastly, the horse's head faces forward in the position of the "charge" thereby representing the cavalry spirit and the close relationship of a trooper with his mount.

Dorcy, who had enlisted in 1887 as a private in the old horse cavalry, was undoubtedly proud of he and his wife's handiwork, for even his headstone in the San Francisco National Cemetary, has a representation of his patch which appears above both their names. Later, a number of other nonauthorized patches saw limited use.

New concept

These pieces followed Dorcy's pattern in overall concept, but differed slightly in color, to differentiate various units within the division. For instance, 16th Quartermaster Company received a yellow shield with a buff stripe running diagonally from left to right with light blue borders, while the 1st Signal Troop substituted an orange stripe with white trim.

The division commander and his staff displayed a patch which was identical to the division design, with the exception that too cut-out stars appeared the diagonal stripe, which is known in technical terms as the "bent." Headquarters troop also wore a slightly modified version with a light blue bent in place of the black stripe. The 1st Veteranary Troop employed one of the most colorful examples of all with a maroon and white bent below a black horse head.

Of course, the 1st Cavalry Division represents only one of many shoulder sleeve insignias employed throughout the U.S. Army today. At the Presidio of San Francisco, for example, a number of patches are evident, such as the FORSCOM tricolor disc. The insignia first came about in World War I when General of the Army John J. Pershing personally selected the design for use by troops assigned to General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary forces.

World War II

By World War II the Army Ground forces adopted a patch and when the United States Army Forces Command appeared over a half dozen years ago, they continued to wear the same insignia.

The Sixth Army Patch also stands out locally. Over a decade before the Second World War, the War Department authorized the formation of this major command, along with a white hexagonal patch. Neither the organization or device actually came into being until 1943. At that time the circular green patch with white six-pointed star and the red letter "A" and matching border came into being. Little change took place after this pattern received approval with the exception that the green field changed to a slightly darker shade after the Army as a whole adopted a different color uniform in the mid-1950's.

Letterman Army Institute of Research Personnel also wear a World War II vintage patch which was first approved in 1941. This design for the Department of the Army staff support takes its symbolism from the crest of Arms of the United States, and use the National colors of red, white and blue.

Letterman

In turn, Letterman Army Medical Center sports a relatively new patch of the U.S. Army Health Services Command which gained sanction on January 31, 1973. The maroon and white motif finds its origins in the traditional colors of the Medical Department, while the caduceus wrapped around the sword, rather than the usual staff symbolizes Army medicine.

Another important shoulder sleeve insignia can be seen on the uniform of the U.S. Army Communications Command. The orange and white color scheme represents the signal Corps, while the globe stands for the world wide nature of the commands mission. Finally the lightning symbolizes the dynamic nature of this organization along with its strategic capabilities.

These examples represent but a few of the shoulder sleeve insignia seen in the Bay Area, not to mention around the world. If someone decides to identify other shoulder sleeve insignia, they might want to start on the left side, which indicates what organization a person currently serves in, while the patch which appears on the right sleeve, denotes the individuals combat outfit.

Editor's Note: Other unit history articles are encouraged. If you are interested call me at 3908.

Saturday in the Park

By Ken Juber

Photos by Tina M. Juber

Saturday, Sunday, or anyday, can be a fun-day at Golden Gate Park. Located just a few blocks south of the Presidio, Golden Gate Park offers a wide variety of activities for young and old alike.

If gardening seems to be your thing, then a visit to the conservatory or the Japanese tea gardens is the place to be. The conservatory is a large glass greenhouse that bears the shape of a palace. Inside you'll find many rare and tropical plants with some nearly thirty-feet high.

The Japanese tea gardens are breathtaking when the blossoms are in full bloom. Pagoda type towers stand prominently amidst the ponds and pathways that meander their way through the gardens. Be sure to bring a camera since there will be some sights you won't want to miss!

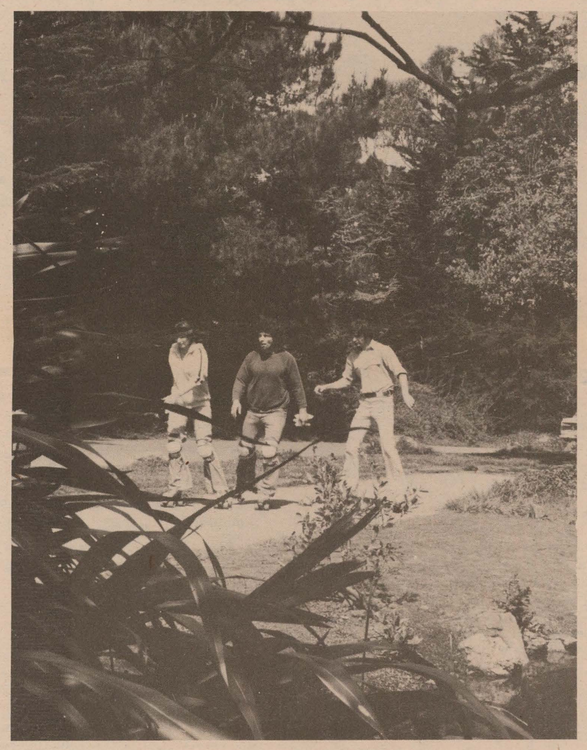
For those who'd rather be indoors the art and science museums offer endless hours of enjoyment. The De Young art museum has an excellent collection of Asian artifacts as well as artworks from all over the world. If your interest lies in science rather than art, then the many exhibits the science museum offers are certainly worth seeing. Complete with planetarium, aquarium, and a large selection of live reptiles you can spend countless hours learning about the world in which we live.

If sports and physical activities are among your interests, then there's no finer place in the city. Things like boating, bicycling, jogging, and even fencing are among the many activities that can be found within the boundaries of the park. The most popular activity in the park is, of course, roller-skating.

Hundreds and sometimes thousands of skaters may be found gliding their way down the paths that line the park. For $1.50 an hour you too can rent skates from one of the many dealers that line the sidewalks at the north border of the park on Fulton. If you're afraid of falling, gloves and knee pads can also be rented at an additional cost.

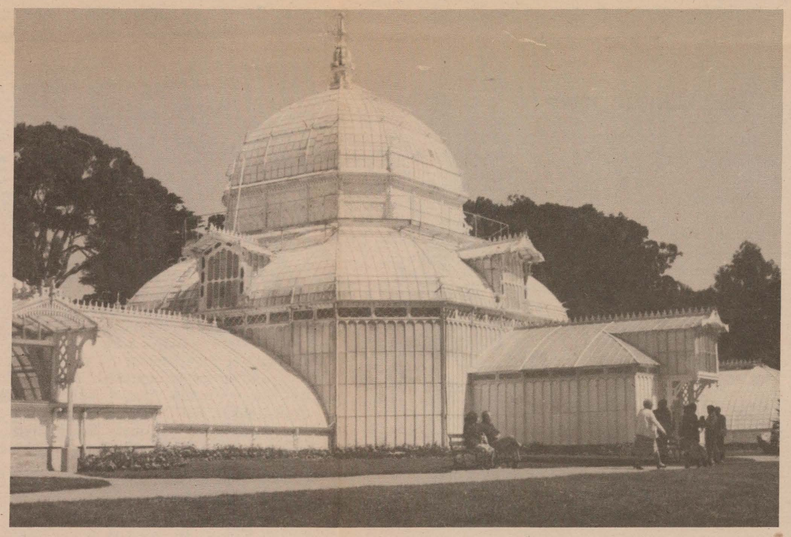
So, if you're looking for a place to go or things to do when the weekend rolls around, look no further than Golden Gate Park; even if you're only out for a stroll.

The Tea House and towers make the Japanese Tea Gardens a worthwhile stop in the park.



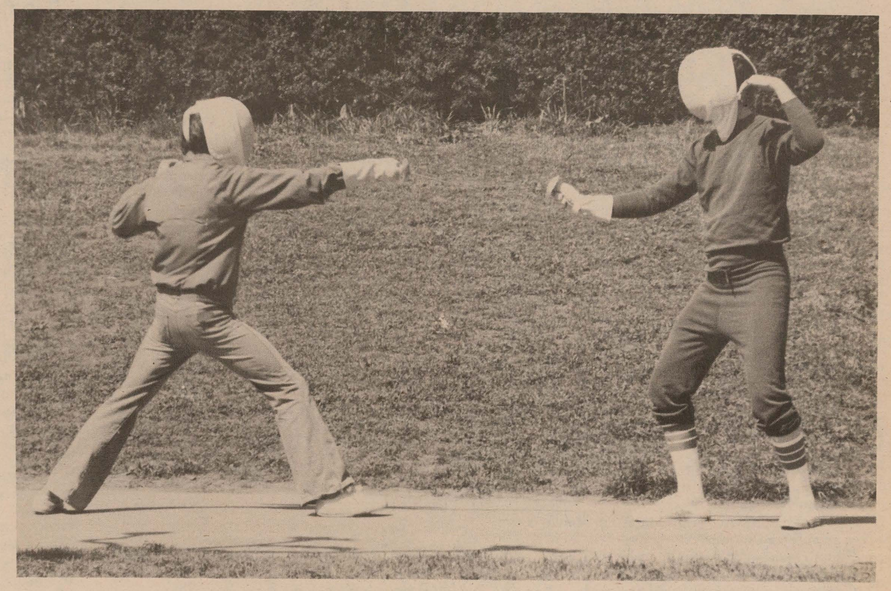
A trio of skaters pass near the edge of the lake

Paddling along across a peaceful lake can prove to be relaxing.



The conservatory houses many tropical plants in Golden Gate Park.

If boating is your bag, Stowe Lake may make the day.



Two fencers practice their lunges.

The Pagoda in the Japanese Tea Gardens is a beautiful array of color

News notes

Military History class

In 1769 Spanish military forces arrived in California to estalblish a presidio and a mission. From that time to the present, California's history has been closely linked to the military of not only Spain, but also of Mexico, Russia and the United States.

Exploring the role played by the armies of four nations will envolve field trips and lectures, many of which will be conducted by guest speakers from around the United States. Two units of college credit will be given. Classes will meet at the Presidio Army Museum for all field trips. The May 5 meeting will take place at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, 639 Market Street, San Francisco. For Further information, call John Langellier at 4115 or 3319.

Guest Lecture Series, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, May 5 (Times to be announced):

A) Guardians of the Golden Gate: SF Seacoast Fortifications-D. Abenheim
B) The Civil War and California-George Stammerjohan
C) The Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Army and the 1906 Earthquake and Fire-Eric Saul
D) A Photographic Investigation of the Modoc War-Peter Palmquist
E) From Golden Gate to Golden Horn: Camp Fremont, California and the North Russia Campaign - Colonel William Strobridge

Field Study #1
Presidio of San Francisco, Ft. Point, Baker's Beach, Forts Barry, Baker, and Chronkite.
May 12, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Lunch at Presidio Officers' Club and Bus provided.

Field Study #2
Angel Island 9:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m. May 26, Angel

Field Study #3
Fort Mason, Sonoma Barracks and Benecia,

Free movie

The **San Francisco Motion Picture and Television Council,** in cooperation with the **Theatre Association of California,** is offering a **free preview** of the **new movie, "Rivals," Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 a.m.** at **Cinema Stonestown** (behind Emporium), San Francisco. "Interested adults are welcome, and **no** tickets are required," according to Mrs. Franklin Dunn, president.

Energy conservation

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - The Army is turning the heat down to 65 degrees as part of its effort to meet DOD's goal to cut energy use five percent, according to DA officials. DOD set the new goal to comply with a presidential order to reduce fuel use, officials said. The presidential order exempted operational readiness activities and did not specify the amount of reduction, officials explained. DOD ordered the military to reduce facilities and administrative use of energy five percent compared to FY 78, officials said.

Army regulations had set the heating range between 65 and 68 degrees. The maximum temperature is now 65 degrees, officials said.

In addition to the thermostat lowering, DA urges maximum reduction in fuel use through tighter control of air and ground vehicle use by avoiding unnecessary trips and combining necessary trips.

Further efforts will call for limiting the use of air conditioning during the summer months, officials said.

Officials say everything possible will be done to meet the new goal while insuring readiness, safety and health needs are met.

Movies

PRESIDIO THEATER
Sat., Apr. 7, **Jungle Book (G) - 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.**
Sun., Apr., 8, **Invasion of the Body Santchers (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Mon.., Apr. 9, **Invasion of the Body Snatchers (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Tue., Apr. 10, **Which Way is Up? (R) - 7 p.m.**
Wed., Apr. 11, **Slow Dancing In The Big City (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Thu., Apr. 12, **Caravans (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Fri., Apr. 13, **Caravans (PG) - 7 p.m.**

SCHWARTZ-LETTERMAN
Mon., Apr. 9., **The Bad News Bears Go To Japan - 7 p.m.**
Tues. Apr. 10, **Brass Target (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Wed., Apr. 11, **Interiors (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Thu., Apr. 12, **Heaven Can Wait (PG) - 7 p.m.**
Fri., Apr. 13, **Malibu Beach (R) - 7 p.m.**

Peak moving season

Like a great migration, each year from May through September comes the personal property or household goods peak shipping season. This is the concurrent event with the transfer of Department of Defense military personnel to ships and stations around the world.

The volume of tonnage alone that moves during this time places a heavy demand on the transportation industry and military personal property shipping offices. An integral part of this operation towards influencing whether the move is satisfactory or not is the property owner. Therefore, the assistance and cooperation of owners in initiating the shipment on a sound basis is essential.

This can be accomplished by owners observing the following:

a) Submit your application for shipment at least 10 working days before you want your property picked up.
b) Be sure to declare any professional books, fear or equipment you plan to ship.
c) Bring four copies of your permanent change of station orders for each shipment you intend to make. Choose **firm** dates for packing and pickup services and do not change them.
d) Make sure you're within your weight allowance and avoid excess costs by getting rid of unwanted articles, magazines and worn out or broken furniture. A garage sale may help you dispose of these items.
e) Make arrangements for you, the military member, to be present when your property is packed and picked up to ensure you get an accurate inventory and only the articles you want shipped are released.
f) Check your orders to see if there is a weight restriction on household goods or unaccompanied baggage at the destination you are being transferred to.

Together, we can make 1979 the best "recurring event" ever! Your help is appreciated and the Personal Property Shipping Office at NSC, Oakland, looks forward to serving you.

Rec Center news

GUITAR LESSONS, for beginners only, will start on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Space is limited, so call early. There will be a tour to Earst Castle on Sunday, April 29. A deposit of $6.00 holds your seat. Additional details about the tour will be published later. EXERCISE CLASS. There are a few openings for the Fitness Class which is held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Get in shape for bathing suit weather. Sink that 8-Ball with guidance from Hank Nole, a professional pool sharp. An 8-Ball tourney sums up the evening every Thursday night at 7 p.m. For additional information about all Recreation Center activities, please call daily **AFTER** 2 P.M.

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

Not much has been happening in the units this week as only a few had news to pass along.

The 51st Engineer Detachment offers a warm welcome this week to Pvt. Darren Jackson and to its new commander 1st Lt. Wayne Emard. The unit says so-long to 1st Lt. Robert Van Der Like who also has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

The 170th MP Company bids farewell to a lot of folks this week before heading to the field. Departing are Spec 4 Brian Boyle who is going to Korea, Pfc Mike Jessup is off to Germany, while Pfc John Betz hits the dusty trail for Ft. Bliss. ETSing will be Cpl. Peter Mahlon and Spec 4 Robert Berry. The Company offers congratulations to Sgt. Chris Heilman who recently graduated from the Primary Leadership course.

Over at the HHD, 504th MP Company, Zorjan Schykerynec has been promoted to Private First Class.

At Headquarters Company, USAG, Lieutenant Colonel Roger Baker, participated in a ceremony promoting Steve McAlpine, Jeff Flournoy, and Valentine DeLeon to Specialist Five, and Isabel Anderson to Private First Class. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the weekly formation on Wednesday. The company bids farewell to Spec 4s Jose Whitaker and Thomas Tonevich who are PCSing to Germany. And a reminder to all soldiers assigned to HQ Co., USAG who haven't taken the PT test yet, April 19 and 20 is your last chance.

The Sixth Region CID bids welcome to Spec 4 Daniel St. Pierre who just arrived from Germany.

The installation of smoke detectors in Presidio housing, recently paid for themselves, when they helped alert a soldier and his family to a fire in their quarters. All five occupants escaped unharmed.

"Quotes"

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. — Mark Twain

Some never learn anything because they know everything too soon. — Author Unknown

Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life. — Brigham Young

Whosoever neglects learning in his youth loses the past, and is dead for the future. — Euripedes

To learn what is true in order to do what is right is the summing up of the whole duty of man. — Thomas Henry Juxley

Chapel Program

There are many symbols which mark the beginning of Spring. The signs of Spring in the Chapel Program on Presidio which refresh and revitalize our Faith and Hope are the special services of Holy Week and Passover. Numerous opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available for all during the period of April 8 - 15. These are listed in the following schedule:

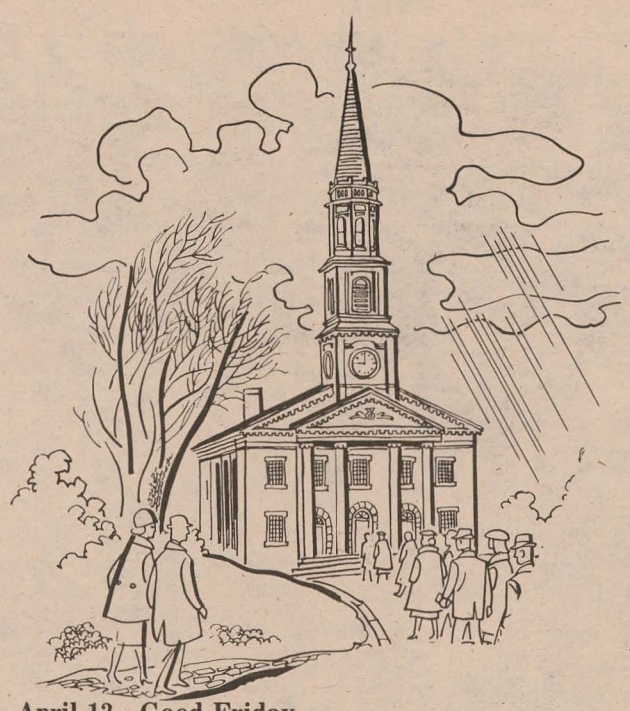
Catholic

April 7 - Saturday Mass
5 p.m. - Chapel of Our Lady
5 p.m. - Fort Baker Chapel
April 8 - Palm Sunday Mass (Distribution of Palms)
9 a.m.-11 a.m. - Chapel of Our Lady
12:30 p.m. - Fort Scott Chapel
April 9 - Monday of Holy Week
11 a.m. - Chapel of Our Lady (Confession)
11:35 a.m. - Chapel of Our Lady (Mass)

April 10 - Tuesday of Holy Week
Chapel of Our Lady
11 a.m. - Confession
11:35 a.m. - Mass

April 11 - Wednesday of Holy Week
Chapel of Our Lady
11 a.m. - Confession
11:35 a.m. - Mass

April 12 - Holy Thursday
Chapel of Our Lady
5 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Last Supper
until 8 p.m. - Adoration and Confession
Religious Activities Center
6 p.m. - Passover Supper



April 13 - Good Friday
(Day of Fast and Abstinence for all Military)
Chapel of Our Lady)
5 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Distribution of Communion at this Service Only)
7 p.m. - Stations & Veneration of the Cross

April 14 - Holy Saturday
(There will be no 5 p.m. Mass due to Easter Vigil)
Chapel of Our Lady
3-7 p.m. - Confession
7 p.m. - Easter Vigil Service
Fort Baker Chapel
7 p.m. - Easter Vigil Service

April 15 - Easter Sunday Mass
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Chapel of Our Lady
12:30 p.m. - Fort Scott Chapel

ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST served from 7:45 to 11 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center, Building 682.

Protestant

April 8
9 a.m. - The Post Chapel
11 a.m. - Ft Scott Chapel
11 a.m. - The Post Chapel
7:30 p.m. - Post Chapel Choir Concert
April 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Noon - The Post Chapel
April 12
7 p.m. - The Post Chapel Holy Communion Service

April 13
7 p.m. - The Post Chapel Traditional Candlelight Service - Meaningful and Symbolic use of Light and Darkness to dramatize our Lord's passion

April 15
6:30 a.m. Hours - Easter Sunrise Service, Post Chapel
9 a.m. Easter Service - Post Chapel
11 a.m. Easter Service - Ft Scott Chapel
11 a.m. Easter Service - Post Chapel
7:45 a.m. Easter breakfast served continuously at R.A.C., Bldg. 682,
Freewill Donations

Jewish

FESTIVAL OF PASSOVER:
April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Passover Seder Service and Dinner at Congregation Ner-Tamid, 1250 Quintara St., San Francisco, for Jewish Active Duty Personnel and families. Rabbi Dalin will officiate. For reservations, call 561-4397/3537

April 13 - 6:30 p.m. Hours at LAMC
Sabbath Passover Service

Sports

Robbie Newton, Presidio Stompers Halfback, **drives past a defender towards the Viking Pirates goal in the Stompers 8th straight win.**

The Presidio Stompers won the second round of play in the Blue Division, under 10 year-old, San Francisco FLAME Youth Soccer League, by defeating the Viking Pirates 4 to 0 last Saturday.

Goals were scored by Wingback Kevin Gross, with an assist from Striker Michael Carrillo. Center Striker Joey McGarry scored twice and narrowly missed two others. Goalie Vaugn Scott, playing as a Forward, scored the fourth goal.

The win boosted the Stomper's regular season record to 11 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie, and an unscored upon winning streak of eight games.

During the season, all the Stompers improved their game tremendously. The team has allowed only 9 goals, Other scoring forwards and halfbacks were Robbie Newton, Kevin Gross, Michael Carrillo and Xaviere Delvalle.

Helping the offense by providing many scoring opportunities throughout the season were Forwards James Ackerman, Ernie Boatner, Ivan Yelton and Shawn Scott. Halfbacks Jimmy Saldubehere, John Watson and Marco Saez developed many offensive plays in addition to stopping several scoring threats by the opposition. The defense, led by Goalie Vaugn Scott and Fullbacks Barbara Galvin, Bill Lowry and David Klarner, were extremely stingy in allowing goals during the season.

The Stompers will finish post-season play this Saturday, at noon at Lowell High School field. The game will be for the Blue Division championship against the St. Elizabeth Eagles. Both teams enjoy a win over the other during season play, and the game should be an exciting one.

All-Star game

Participants and spectators agreed the first California Youth Soccer Association Flame League All-Star game held at the Presidio's Paul Goode Field on 1 April was an overwhelming success. The Presidio Cosmos had six players involved, three on each side.

Blue team managed the only first half score. The Cosmos' Fred Kaas scooped up an errant pass at midfield, and, evading several defenders, moved the ball to the penalty area. Running off the ball, right wing Damon Rich pulled the defense across the goal area creating an opening into which Kaas dropped the ball to forward Bobby Petricello, who lobbed in a shot over the goalkeeper's head.

Rory O'Reilly and Damon Valla combined on a fine series of passes to feed Jonathan Berstein for a White goal early in the second period. Forwards Valla, Berstein, and O'Reilly used their talented passing skills to feed right wing Kieran Daly twice before finding the combination that gave White the lead at 2-1.

Blue responded with an overwhelming attack on passes by T. J. O'Sullivan, Rich, and Kaas to set up Petricello who crossed to Cosmos Rocky Wicks for a header that rebounded off the goal post. As White was clearing, Rich stole the ball near midfield from his Cosmos teammate Jodie Cason on the right wing and fired a 45-yard shot that the goalkeeper failed to handle cleanly. Petricello missed the follow, but Kaas drove a shot which rebounded off the goalie in front of the net. In a crowd, Petricello looped the ball backwards over his head, and as the ball bounced on the goal line, Sean Keighran beat the goalie with a tap in off his chest.

Presidio Cosmos players had 17 of the 41 total shots on goal. Kevin Blake had 3, Jodie Cason 1, Fred Kaas 4, Damon Rich 7, and Rocky Wicks 2. Damon Valla (Westlake Vikings) had 6 attempts; Bobby Petricello (Shannon Rovers) and Marcus Bradford (Westlake Wildcats) each had 5e. Although the final score was tied at 2, Blue dominated with 25 shots on goal to White's 16. Blue had 9 corner kicks and White 2.

Cosmos' Kevin Blake dominated midfield play consistently breaking up Blue's attacks with his defense and fine ball handling. Cosmos' fullback Scott Kim expertly broke up several Blue breakaways in his defensive effort for White.

All contestants received certificates of participation in Presidio Youth Sports Activities for their part in the All-Star contest. All of this year's Presidio Cosmos team will be eligible to return next year because the Cosmos fielded the youngest overall team in the CYSA Flame League.

Tennis team offers tennis enjoyment

The **Presidio Tennis Club's** first major competition has been deemed a smashing success by all those who participated. Due to the 200% effort given by Team Captains **Lynn** and **B. J. Rassmussen,** who were responsible for the total success of the tournament, this past Saturday and Sunday experienced over 100 **Presidio Tennis Players** competing against one another in both men's and women's singles, and doubles matches at A/B and C competition levels.

It was heard several times during the day "I didn't know that he/she had been here for the past three years!!!!" This was the expressed purpose for the tournament; to develop the camaraderie that the Presidio Tennis Players have been lacking in the past years. Competition was keen and the victors were all awarded their trophies by LTG Eugene Forrester later Sunday evening at the Presidio Yacht Club.

The Winners Were

Men's A/B Singles:
Carey Lauten defeated Bob Powell 4-6, 6-1, 6-3

Women's A/B Singles:
Sue Vermillion defeated Ann Reger 6-4, 6-4

Men's A/B Doubles:
Chris Tryell/Dan Huff defeated Ray Waity/Charlie Hansen 12-8

Men's Singles:
Fred Burkherdt defeated Ray Waity 12-0
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Women's C Singles:
Marian Rowe defeated Carol Westerkaump 12-2

Women's A/B Doubles:
Sue Vermillion /BJ Rassmussen defeated Ann and Atta Reyes 8-4

Mixed Doubles:
M/M Rassmussen defeated M/M Dixon 12-4

Special appreciation is extended to everyone who worked so hard in making this tournament/party such a success. Special thanks is extended to **Ralph** and **Chris Cruikshank** for their efforts in making the Presidio Tennis Club victory party such a success. There are more **Presidio Tennis Club** activities planned for the upcoming months; so watch your **Presidio Tennis Club** Newsletter for details.

Mrs. Elizabeth Varner of San Bruno, who works at the South Pacific Office of the Corps of Engineers was the lucky recipient of a check for one thousand dollars during a recent Hills Brothers Coffee contest. Mrs. Varner filled out an entry coupon at the Presidio commisary and was the winner of one hundred dollars from the commisary sponsored contest. Her name was then placed among other winners from commisaries around the country. From these names she was selected for the thousand dollar cash prize. Mrs. Varner plans to use the money for a cruise. (Photo by Ken Juber)

Actress Martha Raye (honorary Lt. Col. U.S. Army) pauses momentarily to inspect the new wear of women's brass on the uniform of PFC Tina M. Juber. The "inspection" took place during the Spring Military Ball held by the 351st Civil Affairs Command at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. (Photo by Kennth P. Juber)

Leaving your family short by dying without a will

By Betsy Beuke
Associate Editor-ARNews

It's never too early to make a will, say Army legal assistance officials. But a surprisingly large number of soldiers don't have them.

Wills are legal and binding declarations, in writing, which name the people soldiers wish to inherit their property after their deaths.

Before making a will, a soldier should seek legal advice from an installation Legal Assistance officer. The officer will help the soldier prepare, or change, a will so that it will meet legal requirements. Requirements vary from state to state and the technical rules governing wills must be followed. According to a Legal Assistance officer, the oversimplified, standardized forms of wills should be avoided.

The will

In drawing up a will, a soldier will need the following information:

* The full names, addresses of those to be put in the will.
* The Legal Assistance officer should be informed of the names of those — spouse, children or bonafide dependents — to be left out of the will. Leaving them out may invalidate the soldier's will.
* A list of all possessions.
* A list of all real estate.
* The name of the person who will carry out the terms of the will, usually referred to as the executor or executrix. If an executor is not named in the soldier's will, the court will appoint someone to serve as the administrator. The administrator must then settle the estate.

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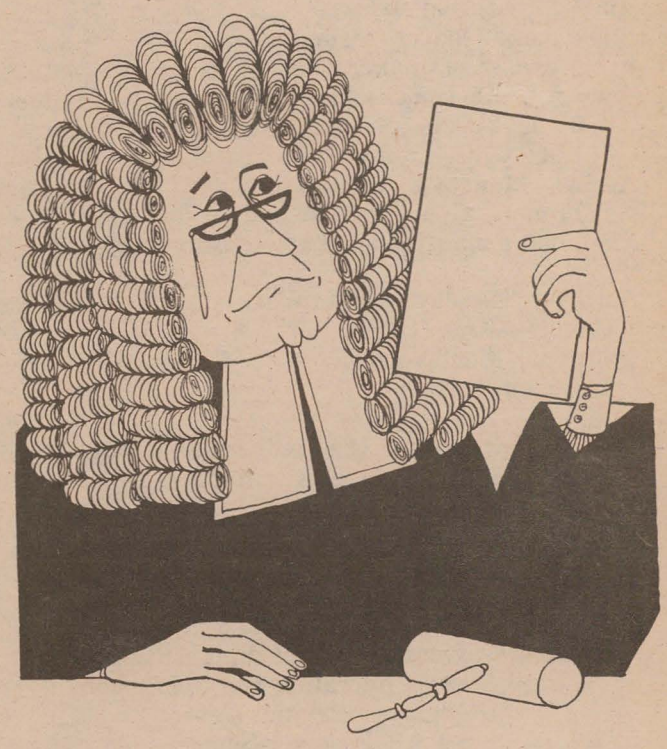
A soldier, in a written testament, can name a guardian to care for his/her children, raising them in a satisfactory manner. Also, a will may be used to protect and preserve property destined for the deceased's children because they may be minors at the servicemember's death and legally unable to manage such property.

Once the will has been prepared in the Legal Assistance Office, it should be signed by the servicemember and witnessed. Only the original document should be signed. A soldier may keep copies for reference or provide copies to the beneficiaries.



The servicemember should review the will after it's been executed every few years, according to a Legal Assistance officer, to see if any changes must be made to the origional will, such as the addition of a beneficiary or change in family circumstance. These changes might include marriage, birth of children, divorce, death of a named beneficiary, change in domicile, and changes in property owned. If an amendment, called a codicil, to an existing will is needed, it must be properly prepared and signed to become effective and binding.

Although a will identifies who will inherit an individual's property at death, it does not necessarily cover everything in an estate. For example, the proceeds of insurance policies are not always disposed of through a will.

Important points

Other property not affected by the terms of a servicemember's will include:

* Property held in "joint tenancy" or "joint ownership" with the right of survivorship. The property will become the sole property of the joint tenant or owner upon the death of the other party.

* Benefits accruing to the spouse or dependents because of sponsor's military service — CHAMPUS benefits, VA benefits, Survivor Benefit Program (if the soldier was of retirement age when death occurred), Social Security benefits for which the soldier's survivors may be eligible because of sponsor's service.

Should a person die without a valid will (Interstate), the State will decide who inherits the deceased's estate. An individual will be appointed by the court to dispose of the estate. All court costs and administration costs including the court-appointed executor's wages will come from the assets of the estate before it's distributed among the survivors.

When there is no will, State laws govern how an estate will be distributed. The State's laws write the will the deceased servicemember failed to have executed. However, this "will" may not distribute the estate as the deceased would have wanted it to be handled.

State inheritance laws make no provisions for the old, the crippled child or for the son or daughter ready to enter college, for a person in a nursing home, or for a favorite charity.

Wills, however, override state laws and may ease the tax burden placed on the estate when the servicemember dies.

Since only soldiers know how they want their estate divided in the event of their death, they should execute a will identifying the inheritors. It is better to have a proper will than to die intestate.

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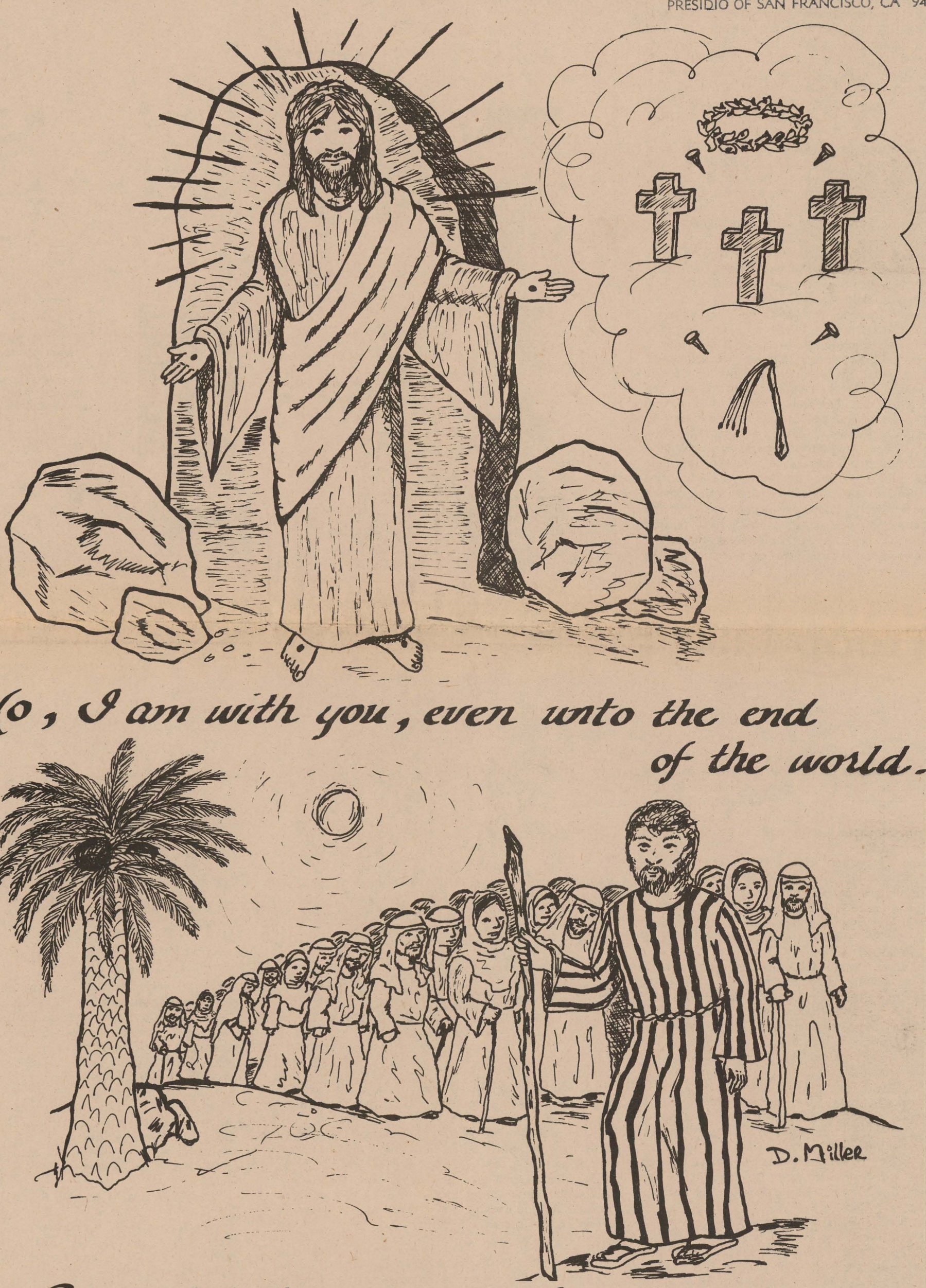


Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world.

Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Chaplain's corner

by Chaplain Schweitzer

Passover! Easter! Don't bother me with eternal things! I have all I can handle with just living today.

Our senses are overloaded and satiated by commuting, working, interacting with people, making decisions, listening to sound systems, eating, watching television, reading newspapers and magazines, exercising, studying, relating to family and friends, playing, shopping and just .iving. So much to do. So much to experience. So little time on our schedule. The result—a contemporary cacophony which blocks the "still small voice of God" of which the Prophet Elijah speaks.

Communication in all areas of life totally stops when the amount of information supplied exceeds the capacity of a person to accept or understand it, according to recent studies. Confronted by overload, we attempt simplification or escape in order to survive in this increasingly fast paced, unimaginably complex world.

Priorities for living must be established. Life needs to be simplified; But if the process means sacrificing eternal values of faith, truth love and hope, this is a most serious mistake.

Inscribed over the entrance to hell, according to Dante's imaginative book, **The Divine Comedy,** is the phrase "All hope abandon, ye who enter here." Hope in God's love and purpose is at the center of existence. When hope ends. life ceases, hell begins. Hope is a central theme in April's religious celebrations. Passover recalls God's liberation of an enslaved nation after 400 years of oppression. Easter adds liberation from the fear of death itself. Everything now possible, was at one time impossible. It happened because a person, a family or a nation dared to hope, to dream, to imagine something better. Hope both sees possibilities and is the catalyst that actualizes possibilities. Spring is the time of hope, of new beginnings. Passover and Easter celebrate God's power to make hope reality. Make time for worship, for eternal values and experience renewed hope, which is the one essential to keep life from being hell.

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

The Sixth Region CIDC and the 163rd Military Police Company send their congratulations to Sgt. Frank and Spec 5 Linda Pallases on the birth of their daughter Amee Lynn. Frank is assigned to the 163rd and Linda serves with the Sixth Region CIDC.

In other happenings at the 163rd: Spec 4s William Wentland and James Dorsey return to the units having graduated from the Primary Leadership Course. Sgt. Gary Schafle is packing his duffle bag for his trip to a new assignment in Germany, while Sgt. Leonard Davis will be hanging up his greens and ETSing.

The communications folks signal a sad farewell to Spec 5 Angela Salisbury who is PCSing to Germany and to Sgt. John Muerer who's ETSing.

The 16th AG Detachment welcomes home Pfc Rick Bartlett who recently completed the small arms repair course at Ft. Lewis.

Sgt. Kim Kingcaid and Spec 4 Tim Collins are the newest members of the 51st Engineer Detachment. The unit also welcomes a new supply sergeant SSgt. Larry Moeller who joins the unit from the 504th MP Bn. The unit offers congrats to Sgt. Robert Boggess and Spec 4 William Robinson for their graduation from PLC.

The 170th MP Co. rolls out the welcome mat this week for Spec 5 Rodney Royale and George O'Connor. The company also just returned from its Artep at Camp Roberts.

Company D, 864th Engineers bids farewell to Sgt. Joral Miller who's headed to Germany and to Spec 4 Mike Clanuch who's ETSing. Three members of the unit are on their way to the PLC at Fort Ord: Spec 4 Leonard Mack and Pfc's Wyde Coffey and Donovan Lester.

Last week the 15th anniversary of the death of General Douglas MacArthur passed noticed by only a few. This week I'd quote some of his words which I feel can be typical of one of our Army's most famous and talented soldiers.

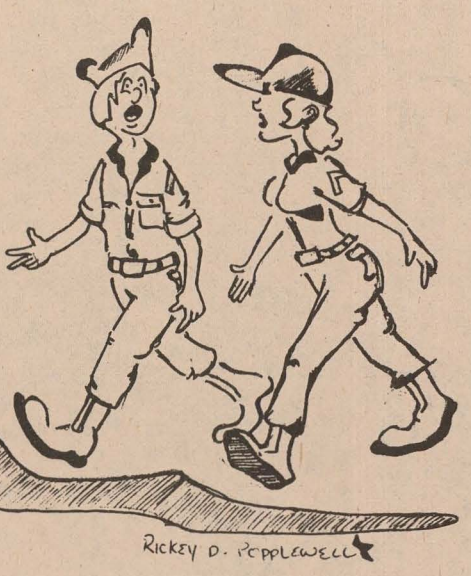
"The long, gray line has never failed us. Were you to do so, a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: Duty, honor, country."

". . . the soldier above all other people prays for peace , for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

"He pleads and groans, sweats and toils, he growls and curses, and at the end he dies - unknown, uncomplaining, with faith in his heart, and on his lips a prayer for victory."

"I know war as few other men now living know it, and nothing to me is more revolting. I have long advocated its complete abolition, as its very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a means of settling international disputes . . .

But once war is forced upon us, there is no other alternative than to apply every available means to bring it to a swift end. War's very object is victory not prolonged indecision.



Ramblin' Sam

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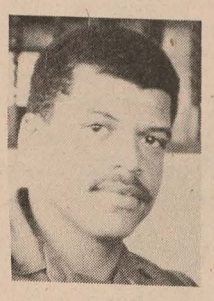
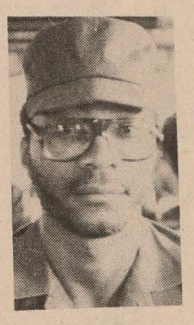
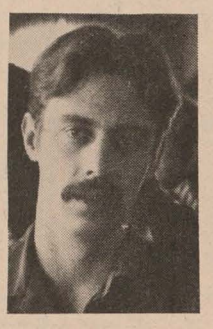


Sp4 William Z. Robinson, 51st Engineers - "It should be higher for some jobs and lower in others, for example, infantry should be lower and administrative should be higher."

PFC Laura L. Madrid, - "It depends on the MOS. Some jobs should require a higher education due to the nature of the job."

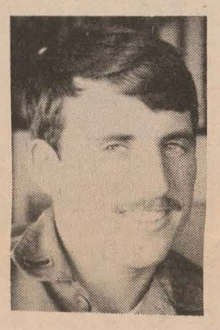


Private Michael O. Vance, 864th Supply - "No. Because the Army provides the opportunity to further one's education after he/she comes on active duty."



Private James Heath, 170th MP Co. - "No! Because most of the jobs that are assigned can be accomplished with only a high school education."

Lt Col Robert M. Wolfe, DRCS - "No. A high school diploma shows that a person is capable of accomplishing most tasks and because there is no longer a draft raising the education standard would decrease the number of people the army can use."



1st Lt Wayne F. Emard, Commander, 51st Engineers - "No. High school education is sufficient for serving one's country but continuing education should be stressed more in regards to college and vocational skills."

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Interservice Photography Contest

This photo is a sample of the photographs that were submitted in last years Interservice Photography Contest.

The annual contest is open to all military personnel who are on active duty for 90 days or more. The contest is also open to all retired military, dependents, and Department of the Army Civilians on the local level of competition.

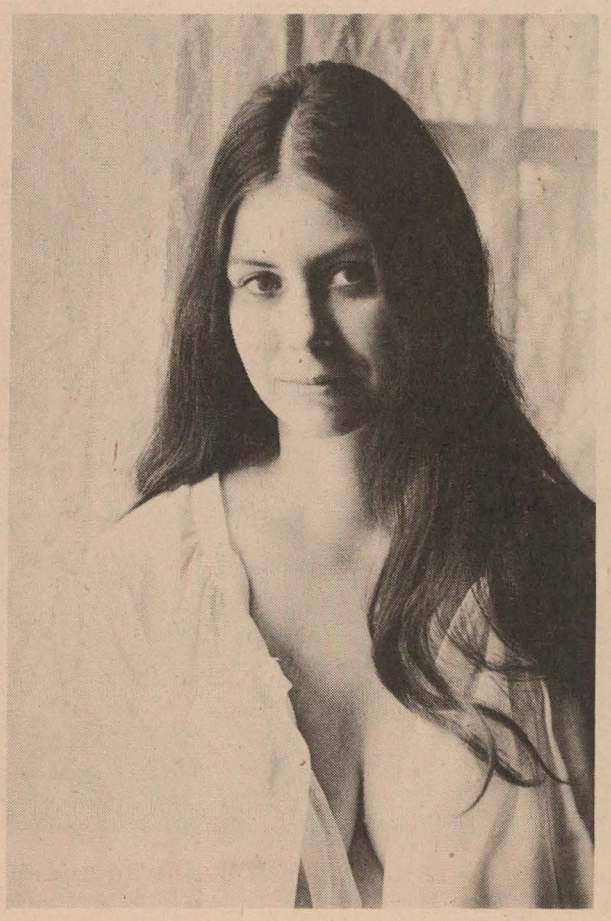
There are four categories in which a person can enter a photograph: Category A. General includes pets, animals, table tops, still life studies, action or closeups.

Category B, people.

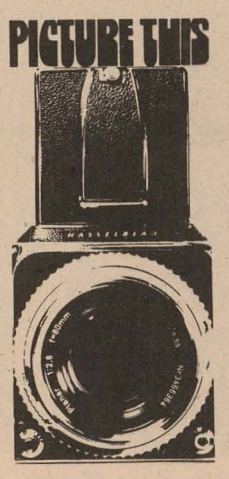
Category C - Scenic, also includes Landscapes, seascapes, architectural, and industrial scenes, or any scene that has a fundamental unit of design or mood of such magnitude that all else is subordinate to it.

Category D - Experimental. These are photographs produced through experimentation: by angle or exposure of camera, magnification, distortion control of light source, or unusual printing and developing process.

Entries can be submitted in black and white, color prints or color transparencies but no more than three photographs per category and must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. April 19. For more information contact the Photography Lab, Post Crafts Shop, Bldg 122 Presidio of San Francisco, ext. 3445 or 4497.



This Black and White Portrait was entered last year in the "People" category by SSgt. D. L. Black (Ret.).



New responsibility for Army property

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - Exchanging laundry or signing for personal gear used to be about the extent of a soldier's dealings with the supply room.

During the past year, however, some major changes have been made highlighting every soldier's responsibility for keeping track of and caring for Army property.

Soldiers working in message centers and distribution rooms saw "Proper Count" messages come in that directed immediate changes in supply procedures.

Company commanders in the process of changing commands had to physically count 100 percent of their unit's property.

Soldiers now have to sign for equipment they use so that every piece of property has someone who is responsible for its care and safekeeping. These changes and more are the result of a DA property accountability task force effort to improve property management Army-wide. The need for a better system of keeping track of the Army's property became evident in 1977 when the Inspector General sent out a team to inventory all the property at 118 randomly selected company-sized units.

Based on shortages found in the inspected units, the IG estimated Army-wide shortages of $118 million. This was the difference between the amount of property listed as "on hand" and what was actually found during the inspection.

Reasons for the shortages included record keeping, lost or missing items, theft and negligence. Some shortages involved items not issued but listed as received. In addition to the shortages, the inspectors reported an estimated $89 million in excess property.

Correcting this situation became the job of the Task Force. Established in October 1977, the Task Force began to implement recommendations submitted by the IG and approved by the Chief of Staff.

The main goal was encouraging individuals to take better care of Army property. The Task Force also reviewed the management of soldiers working in the supply field (career management field 76). As a result, Major commands worked to make sure all supply slots are filled by qualified soldiers and that all soldiers in CMF 76 are working in supply jobs.

Other changes include:

(A) A simplified report of survey system went into effect in January. The new system defines negligence as "an act or omission which a responsible person would not commit under similar circumstances."

(B) A second feature of the new system is that the most an EM can now be charged for losing or damaging property, other than personal arms and equipment, is one month's base pay. For example, if a soldier loses his M-16 rifle through his own fault, he can be charged for the full amount, but if, through negligence, he does several hundred dollars worth of damage to an Army vehicle, he can only be charged one month's base pay for the damage. He is also subject to further action through an article 15 or court martial, however.

(C) A unit level supply handbook (FM 10-14-1) was developed and distributed in July 1978. It covers property records and adjustment, inventories and reports and explains property accountability, responsibility and liability.

(D) Over 250 technical manuals and component lists, including photographs of the items, have been simplified and distributed. Technical manual and component list hand receipts now include pre-printed inventory lists.

(E) Division commanders can now decide what additional equipment their units will or will not be authorized based on their mission and geographical location.

(F) DA Circular 735-5 was published outlining disciplinary steps commanders can take to make sure property is accounted for correctly.

(G) A tool layout mat for the general mechanics automotive tool box has been designed and distribution to the field is set for late-summer.

(H) A training package including lesson plans, viewgraphs and exercises for conducting a 12-hour training course at the unit or installation level is now available by calling the Quartermaster School at Autovon 637-3561 or writing: Commandant, U.S. Army Quartermaster School, ATTN: ATSM-TNG-TNM-ET, Ft. Lee, VA. 23801.

(I) Property accountability instruction that is included in all officer basic and advanced courses has been standardized to ensure uniform training.

(J) A training film entitled, "The Late Company B" is again available through the Army film library for use in training on unit level property accountability.

(K) The Quartermaster School is also developing a film on Property Accountability. Distribution is slated for this fall.

The Task Force is now finalizing the actions and changes made to implement the IG's recommendations to improve property management.

As one Task Force official explained, "With today's tight budget and inflationary pressures, the Army must get the most out of the equipment and supplies already in the hands of the troops. Every time supplies or equipment are used we must be aware of what might happen if the items are carelessly lost, damaged or destroyed. Replacements are expensive and will not come quickly."

"With everyone-privates to generals-more aware of saving and conserving the supplies and equipment we have, the Army will be prepared and ready for any situation that may arise," the spokesman concluded.

NCOA rally

There will be a membership rally for the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) on Saturday at the Presidio NCO Club.

The rally, which is sponsored by the Letterman Golden Gate Chapter of the NCOA, will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. All enlisted ranks are welcome. There will be free food provided. For further information contact 1SG D. Brown at extension 2361.

The Presidio Branch of the Wells Fargo Bank will close at noon today for the observence of Good Friday. All personnel are requested to conduct their business with the bank by noon. The employees of Wells Fargo wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

Engineering an exercise

photos and story by Mike Willoughby

Recently, the 864th Engineers and the 51st Engineers completed a week of ARTP training at Ft. Ord, California.

According to many of the soldiers who participated in the exercise, it was a week full of action and hard work. Part of the training consisted of infantry tactics. Long hours were spent performing ambushes, perimeter guard, digging in, gas attacks, demonstrations on how to handle POW's and how to assault enemy positions. All portions of each exercise were graded and critiqued by individuals from DPTSEC, HQ, Presidio.

Supporting the 864th Engineers in the infantry exercises were the 51st Engineers. The 51st acted as agressors during the infantry phase of the ARTEP.

Other areas of the ARTEP included simulated explosions in a hostile environment, action under smoke screen conditions, and tear gas presence. For the most part, tear gas training was an ongoing part of the exercise.

The units completed the training successfully and were commended for their work and cooperation during the ARTEP exercise. This had been the first time most of the soldiers had experienced this type of training together.

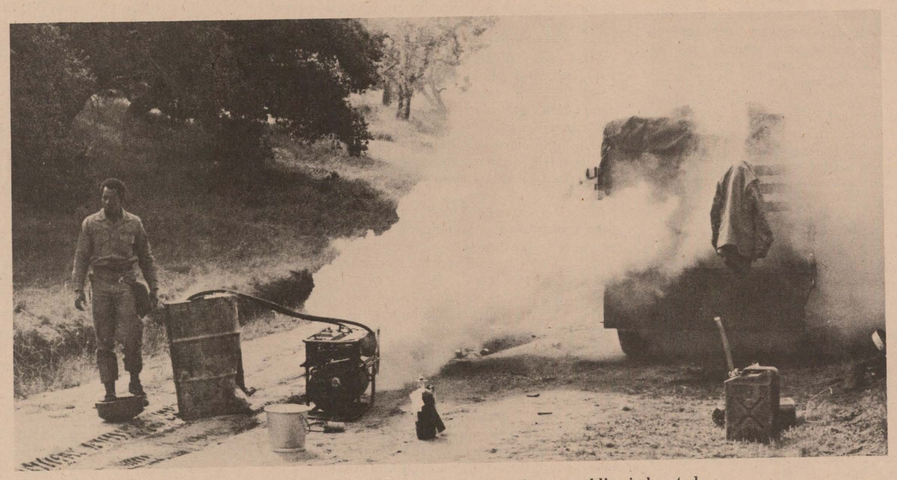
Smoke and tear gas were used by the 864th engineers during an assault on a position held by the 51st engineers.

It took two 2 1/2 ton trucks to pull this 5 ton out of the thick mud caused by four days of heavy rains.

A smoke screen was used by the engineers on an assault. They were supported by the chemical branch at Ft. Ord.

Knowing how to use C-4 plastic explosives was also part of training for the engineers.

These engineers are checking out a bridge to determine the load capacity of the bridge.



Smoke screens are used to confuse the enemy about where a soldier is located.

PSF Sports

Volleyball

POST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 51st Engineers pulled a major upset in the volleyball playoffs, by defeating the defending champions, LAIR.

In semi-final action LAIR won a tough match from the 51st Engineers with scores of 16-14, 11-13 and 15-11.

The 51st Engineers earned the right to play LAIR in the finals by defeating Oakland Army Base rather easily, 15-5, 15-12.

This set up the championship game, with LAIR having no defeats and 51st Engineers just one.

A colossal battle took place with both teams failing at times to put a game away. Emotions were high and LAIR lost its' composure at times. The 51st Engineers finally won the match, 3 games to 1. Scores were very close, 14-12, 6-15, 15-6 and 15-13.

The LAIR team was hurt in the final game by two suspended players, but their reserve players played well in their absence. Again a great match took place as an emotionally drained LAIR team struggled vainly. Fine team play pushed the 51st Engineers to final victory. Final scores were: 8-11, 12-6, 13-11, 15-5.

The 51st Engineers were largely composed of 51st Engineer players and supplemented with other players from other, smaller units.

The winning team of the 51st Engineers is as follows:

Lancelot	**Kualii**
Dave	**Gallinger**
Ropati	**Ropati**
Claudia	**Boehl**
Eugene	**Parish**
Robert	**Boggess**
James	**Hatten - (6th Reg. CID)**
Dana	**Ludwig - (6th Reg. CID)**
Elizabeth	**McAlevy**
Susi	**Reyala - (USACC)**
James	**Jacobs**
Anthony	**Martinez**
Ricaro	**Pacheco**
Richard	**Furbert**
Jeff	**Hirota - (USACC)**
Solomona	**Malae - (US Coast Guard)**

Basketball

The Armed Forces Basketball Team lost to the defending National AAU Basketball Champions, Christian Youth Center from Joliet, Illinois, in the championship game of the National AAU Tournament, held at Ponca City, Oaklahoma, 108 to 100.

In advancing to the showdown with the National Champions, the Armed Forces Team defeated United Brothers from Kansas City, 110 to 91; Porter's Columbus Skywalkers from Columbus, Ohio, 114 to 98 and Marathon Oil from Lexington, Kentucky, 135 to 128, in triple overtime.

Presidio's Sp 4 Pierre Russel was named the outstanding defensive player of the tournament, while teammate Sp 4 Larry Rogers, from Fort Sill, was selected as the outstanding offensive player. Named to the 1979 National AAU All-American Team included Armed Forces stars Larry Rogers and Sp 4 Larry Warren, from Europe.

Softball season is scheduled to start on or about May 8. Each unit on post is encouraged to field a team in this fun sport. Each team needs at least 10 players to start. Action takes place at the Ft. Scott Softball Fields during weekdays.

A clinic for players, coaches and fficials will be held on April 25 at 1:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Ft. Scott Gym, Bldg #1226. Unit A & R officers or NCO's should submit letter of intent to the Sports Branch office, Bldg #63 NLT April 20.

The annual Tennis Championship is scheduled to start on or about 24 April 1979. There will be competition offered in the following divisions:

MEN - Open, under 33 years old

Section A - Championship (Tryouts for post team for FORSCOM Tournament)

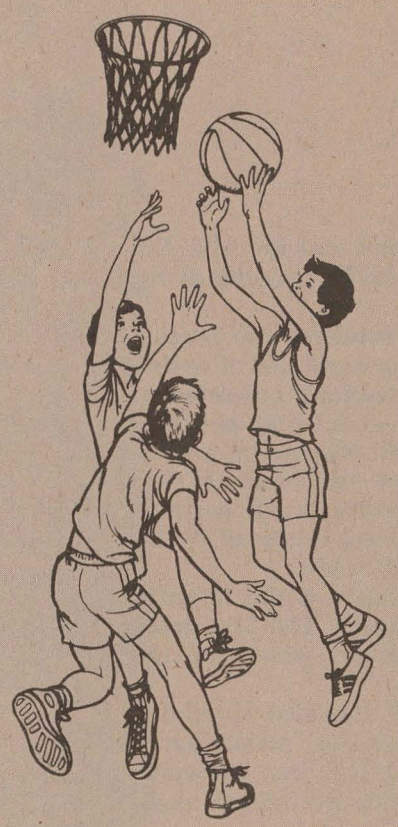
Section B - Novice (all others)

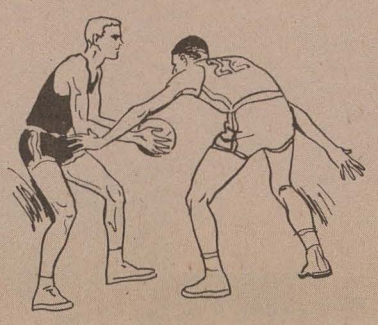
Jr.-Vet - 34 -44 years of age)

Vet - 45 years and older

WOMEN - all ages

Entries close April 16. For further information and signup, contact your unit A & R officer/NCO or visit the Post Gym #1 office, Bldg #63.

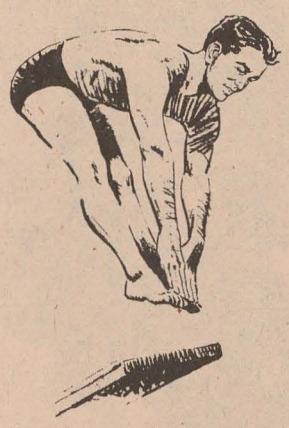




Bay-to-Breakers

Applications for this annual event can be obtained from the Sports Section of the San Francisco Examiner. The distance is 7.63 miles over a rolling course through the center of our city. Entries close May 5. There will be an invitational section (seeded/start) to those who have qualifying times.

Aquarius Swim Team



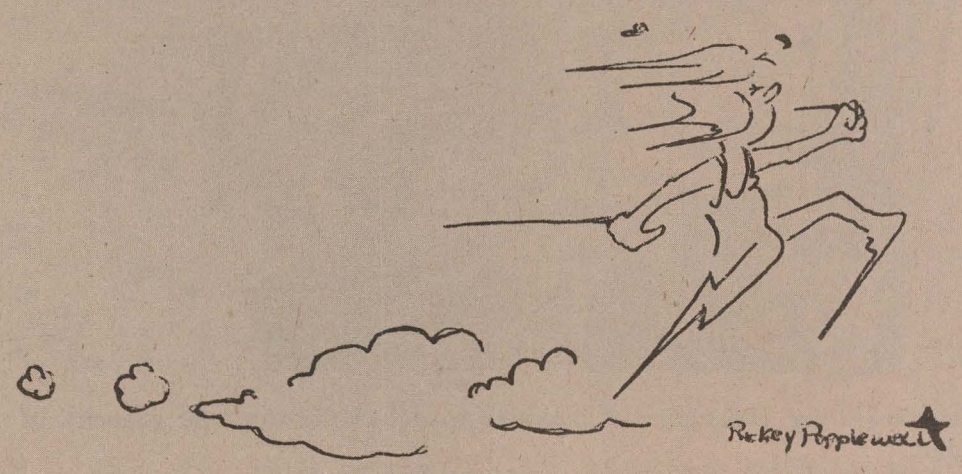
Chabot College in Hayward, Ca. was the site for the 1979 Far Western Championships on April 6, 7, and 8. One hundred forty-three Swim Clubs from 14 states and Canada participated in the meet which required "AAA" times for all entrants. Led by their coach, DON PEREZ, SARA ADAMS AND ROBIN WICKS were two Aquarians who qualified for and swam at these Championships.

Congratulations are in order for SARA who stroked her way to an exciting 4th place finish in a field of 46 15-18 year old girls in the 100 yard backstroke with her best time yet of 1:02.4. Fifty-eight swimmers competed in the 15-18 year old girls 50 yard freestyle and SARA finished 8th with a super swim.

This same weekend other Aquarius Team members entered in a B-A meet at Sonoma sponsored by the Sonoma Sea Dragons. Brothers NICK and MARK RUSSO obtained new "A" times. Eight year old NICK'S "A" time was in the 25 yard butterfly with a 6th place finish. MARK swam to an "A" time in the 11-12 year old boys 50 yard freestyle. ROBIN WICKS won a 1st place trophy in the 9-10 year old girls 50 yard breaststroke with a new "AAA" time of 40.1 seconds. She won a 7th place ribbon in the 100 yard Individual Medley. DENISE TIETZE and POLLY SLISZ finished 7th and 8th respectively in the 11-12 year old girls 50 yard backstroke. DENISE also picked up a 7th place ribbon in the 200 yard Individual Medley.

FUN RUN RACE

The next Fun Run Race will take place April 18 beginning at noon. Start/Finish will be at Gym #2, Bldg #1152. The distance will be a flat two mile route. Handicaps will be given to age groups and women, with the faster runners starting from scratch. All runners on post are invited to this monthly event. Whether you're super-fast or an average jogger, we'd like to see you there. See if you can beat some runners with your handicap. Bob Darling, Sam Rojas and others are looking forward to the challenge of catching handicap runners.



Watch the birdie — Don't be a sucker!

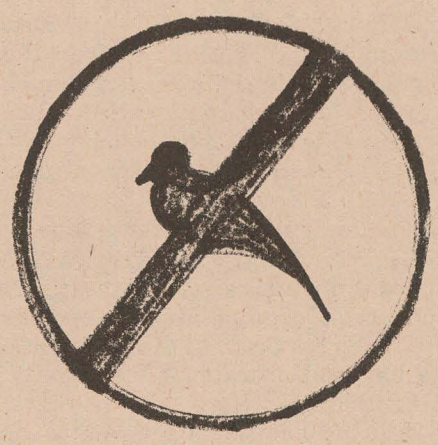
by Don Delver

Sp5 Goody S. Twoshoes and Harold, her husband of 6 weeks, had finished moving into their quarters on Pershing Dr., and were on their way to buy some new furniture.

"We'll get just the basics," Goody said, "and when we can afford it, we'll get a color TV and maybe a stereo." Soon they were pulling into the big parking lot in front of "Willie Wazoo's Furniture Palace". They had heard Willie advertise that he would help young folks get started in the "credit world" and that they would need no co-signers. Since neither had established any credit, they both thought that buying a few things from Willie Wazoo would be a smart move.

They were greeted by an oily looking salesman who flashed them a toothy grin. The way he said, "May I help you?" reminded Goody of a fairytale she had heard long ago, something about a spider and a fly. They told him they were looking for a couch and a couple of end tables, and on the way over to the living room furniture section the salesman inquired, almost casually, if they were newlyweds. Soon Goody and Harold were telling him how long they had been married, their career plans, where they lived and even how much they were making. The salesman kept up a steady stream of pleasant chatter, all the while getting more information, and all the while planning how to increase the size of the sale and his commission.

First, he talked them into a package deal, which included coffee table, love seat and lamps, in addition to the couch and end tables they had come to buy. "Don't worry about the price," he kept saying, "I'm going to get you a real deal on this stuff." He used flattery, the envy of their friends, and other emotion laden sales tactics to weaken their resistance. He then steered them over to the color TV section and soon had them drooling over a beautiful 25" console model. "Don't you want it?" he asked, when they objected that the price was more than they could possibly afford. "The payments would be only $36.00 a month, and you would be enjoying it as you pay for it. Why wait?"



The temptation was too much for Goody and Hard, and by the time they left the store, the unctous salesman had sold them a trash compactor as well as the TV and the living room suite. Problems began almost as soon as they got home. The colors they saw on their TV bore no resemblance to the real world. Finally, after several days of watching green tinted TV heroes with blue hair and red teeth, Goody called Willie Wazoo's store and attempted to locate the service department. A woman who did not give her name answered and informed her that they had no service department, and that all work was done by an outside contractor at the owner's expense. "But the salesman told us that you would take care of any problems", Goody protested. "You must have been mistaken", replied the woman abruptly hanging up.

Further calls and visits to the store proved fruitless. They wouldn't fix the TV or the trash compacter, which by this time had stopped working, and they wouldn't take the merchandise back. In a few more days, a payment booklet came with a letter from a company called "Gotcha Finance Company", It seems that Willie Wazoo uses other companies to finance his furniture, and Gotcha wanted its money. Harold and Goody had been doing some research in the meantime and had run across something known as the **Holder in Due Course** law, which states that if another agency assumes a contract for the seller, and the merchandise is substandard, the buyer can refuse payment until the seller fixes or replaces the merchandise.

Quickly, Goody telephoned Gotcha Finance Company and explained the problems she was having with the furniture from Willie Wazoo. She didn't forget to mention that Gotcha wasn't going to get a dime until the TV and the trash compactor were fixed. It wasn't long thereafter that a representative of Honest Abe's repair service called to say they had been authorized by Willie Wazoo's to fix the TV and trash compactor at no cost to Harold and Goody. The Twoshoes were delighted, and Gotcha made sure they had no cause in the future to withold payment.

The Presidio Legal Assistance Office has attorneys trained to help you with problems of this sort. Consumer fraud is pervasive in our society and San Francisco is not immune to the fast buck artist.

If you have doubts about a contract, have a JAG attorney look at it before signing it. If the person you are dealing with gets edgy when you tell him you want to examine the contract further, it's a good indicator that he is hiding something. Check the reputation of any merchant before dealing with him. The local Chamber of Commerce and Better Business Bureau are good places to start. If you are having a problem with a merchant and need help, you can check with Legal Assistance for advice, or check with the agencies mentioned above. For further information on consumer or criminal fraud, check with the Provost Marshal's Crime Prevention Section at 5011. Don't be a pigeon.

Giving blood.

A greater gift has never been given than to share a pint with a friend.

The Presidio of San Francisco blood drive will be conducted on Tuesday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in buildings 135 and 1216.

Donors with appointments will be given priority so contact your activity representative as soon as possible.

Mrs. Haggard to appear

April 30

LEONA WILLIAMS SHOW - Monday April 30, 7 p.m. at Building 135. Wife of Merle Haggard and a featured singer for 2 years with Merle Haggard Show from Opry Land, Music City, USA. Show is open to all officers, enlisted and civilian employees. Cover charge of $5 includes a complimentary spaghetti plate. Tickets are now on sale at the Presidio Officers' Club, NCO/Enlisted Club, and Package Beverage Store (Bldg. 1331).

Bundeswehr Band to perform

The Big Band of the Bundeswehr of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany will perform in concert at the Palace of Fine Arts Auditorium in San Francisco on Monday, May 7, at 8 p.m.

Presented in San Francisco by the United German Societies, the U.S. Department of Defense and the Sixth U.S. Army, the Big Band of Bundeswehr is directed by Guenter Noris. The versatility of this official jazz ensemble of the Federal Republic of Germany enables the group to perform early-era swing, Big Band jazz, popular music and most modern jazz.Each performer is required to train in and maintain proficiency standards of a medical corpsman of the Federal Armed Forces in addition to his musicianship.

Tickets for this free concert May 7 may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to the Public Affairs Office, Sixth U.S. Army, ATTN: Big Band, Presidio of San Francisco, California 94129, or by visiting Sixth Army PAO Bldg 38, Rm 120 or call ext. 3843/2470.

The doors of the Palace of Fine Arts Auditorium will open at 7:15 p.m., and ticket holders should be seated promptly. At 7:45 p.m., any available remaining seats will be filled by non-ticket holders on a first-come, first served basis. No one will be seated after the concert has started.

News notes

Ed Center news

BEGINNING GERMAN HEADSTART CLASSES Students will learn practical German to be able to ask directions, exchange dollars, order a meal, tell time, buy a train ticket, make a phone call and much more. The course is designed especially for military personnel and Department of the Army civilians on orders or alerted for duty in Germany. The class will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mon and Wed, April 16 to June 25, at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216. For further information or to reserve a place in class, call ext 2974/4445.

DEVELOPMENTAL AND SPEED READING The Ft. Scott Education Center now has a reading program available for personnel who want to develop their reading skills. Classes are held Mon, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 18 to June 20 for Speed Reading. A diagnosis of your reading skills is made before class placement. Classes are open to military, dependents, and divilian personnel. For further information or to enroll call the Ft. Scott Education Center ext 2974/445.

REFRESHER MATH AND TEST PREPARATION This course will be conducted on an individualized basis. Students can review any or all of the following: Fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, metric system, introduction to algebra and geometry, common mathematical formulas, conversions, and consumer math. This course is especially appropriate for individuals who use math in their job; to prepare for the SQT, ACT, SAT, CLEP and Civil Service math exams; to review for college entrance and for personal use. Class will be held Mon thru Thurs, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from April 16 to June 15, at the Ft. Scott Education Center. For further information or to enroll, call ext 2974/4445

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE This program is designed for students whose first or native language is not English. The goal is for students to gain proficiency in English so they can function successfully in the culture and society of the U.S., acquire speaking, comprehension, and writing skills to perform competently on the job and to continue their education. An instructor is available at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Mon, Tues, and Thurs, 2:oo p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to conduct individual or small group classes. A diagnosis of each student's English language skills is made for placement into beginning, intermediate, or advanced level of instruction. The courses are especially appropriate for foreign born/speaking military personnel and dependents. For further information or to enroll, call or visit the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216, ext 2974/4445.

Social Security Number

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) - Parents can do their children a favor by requesting Social Security Numbers (SSN) for them before they're seven years old.

Recent changes have been made to regulations to make it more difficult for individuals to misuse the SSN System, according to the Social Security Administration (SSA). For applicants older than seven years, the changes include:

(A) Each applicant for an original SSN must provide documentary evidence proving identity, age, and citizenship or alien status;

(B) Each person applying for a duplicate or corrected SSN card must provide enough evidence to prove identity and make certain his or her SSN record is accurate;

(C) Anyone 18 years or older and applying for an origional SSN must be interviewed in person;

(D) SSA may check any document submitted with the custodian of the original record.

Apoplicants must submit evidence proving their date of birth. Birth or baptismal certificates, school and church record, census records, insurance policies, marriage records, employment records, and passports may be used. Applicants must also confirm their identity through driver's licenses, voter registration cards, passports or other similar documents.

For children under seven, however, a birth certificate is normally sufficient evidence.

Persons needing an SSN may apply for one by filing an SS-5 form, "Application for Social Security Number." Apoplications are available at: any Social Security Office; the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD. 21235; Offices of District Directors of Internal Revenue; U.S. Postal Service Offices; and U.S. Employment Service Offices in cities not having a Social Security office. According to SSA official, local SSA offices usually have arrangements with large employment organizations to furnish them with SS-5 forms.

For dependents living with parents stationed overseas, the SSA prefers that certified copies rather than the original documents be sent with SSN applications. Applications coming from abroad should be mailed to: The Social Security Administration, division of International Operations, P.O. Box 1756, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Persons desiring additional information may call Phil Berge at (301) 594-7452 or write: Office of Policy and Regulations, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, md. 21235.

Easter news

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Presidio Easter Egg Hunt will be conducted on Saturday, April 14 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at El Polin Springs (end of MacArthur Blvd) for dependent children ages 3 thru 12. Children of active duty and retired military personnel are cordially invited to participate in this fun event. For more information, contact Mr. Porter, Youth Director, Ext 5143.

Passover news

The Jewish Festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days. This year it begins at sunset, Wednesday April 11, and concludes at sunset, Thursday, April 19.

Passover, the Spring Festival, celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is a joyous family holiday; it is rich in story, in symbolism, and in ritual. Above all, it calls attention each year to the yet unrealized dream of freedom for all mankind.

Oppressors come and oppressors go, but the ideals of freedom outlast the changing fortunes of history. This is the spirit and message of Passover, the Festival of Freedom and Redemption which Jews will once again celebrate.

Movies

PRESIDIO THEATER

Sat., Apr. 14, Godzilla vs. Cosmic Monster (G) - 2 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 14, Corvette Summer (PG) - 7 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 15, Movie, Movie (PG) - 7 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 16, Movie, Movie (PG) - 7 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 17, The Doll Squad (PG) - 7 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 18, Deathsport (R) - 7 p.m.
Thu. Apr., 19, Moment by Moment (R) - 7 p.m.
Fri., Apr., 20, Born Again (PG) - 7 p.m.

SCHWARTZ-LETTERMAN

Mon., Apr. 16, Pretty Baby (R) - 7 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 17, Invasion of The Body Snatchers (PG) - 7 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 18, Which Way Is Up? (R) - 7 p.m.
Thu., Apr. 19, Slow Dancing In The Big City (PG) - 7 p.m.
Fri., Apr., 20, Caravans (PG) - 7 p.m.

Rec Center news

Giants' Baseball tickets are now on sale at the Recreation Center. The next two games that we have tickets for are Houston April 15 and LA on April 21. If you are planning on seeing the Giants this season, you should give us a call first on Ex 2000. All seats are box seats and cost only $5.00 ea.

HAWAII TOUR PLANNED: Dates from June 27 - July 5. Yes, nine days/eight nights at the Hale Koa Hotel, and a round trip ticket can be yours for ONLY $388.20 (double occupancy) All deposits of $20.00 per person must be paid by April 27. There will be no refund of this deposit after April 27. This tour is open only to active duty military, dependents, and eligible guests. Retired military will be accommodated on a space available basis. For additional information call Ex 2000/5420 after 4 p.m.

MILITARY FUN DAYS AT SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK: The dates are April 28 and 29. On these dates you may purchase any number of unlimited ride wristbands for just $3.95. So make yourself a note to take your ID card, and your kids, to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk on these dates.

MILITARY SPRING FLING AT SEA WORLD: If you are going to San Diego during April and you are planning to visit Sea World, then you should stop by the Recreation Center (Log Cabin) and save 30% off the normal price of admission with our Free Discount Cards (coupons).

Oakland Symphony announces Military Family Night at the pops on Friday April 20 at 8:30 p.m. With oscar winner Carmine Coppola. For a savings of 20% stop by the Recreation Center, Bldg 1299, and pick up your ticket order form today after 4 p.m.

HEARST CASTLE TOUR: At 8:30 a.m. on April 29 the Presidio Recreation Center will transport 38 lucky people to the world famous Hearst Castle, which is located midway between LA and SF. Your entire cost is only $6.00 per person. This will cover the admission charge and transportation cost to the castle. This is a golden opportunity to see a real Castle, don't miss it. For additional information call the Recreation Center after 4 p.m. on Ex 5420/2000.

Year of the Child

The International Year of the Child Committee will be presenting its first all-day program on April 20 in the Sixth Army Conference Facility, bldg 35.

Professor Bok-Lim C. Kim, Commissioner on the Presidential Commission of the International Year of the Child will speak on the subject "The Military Child: An International Citizen." Covered will be such areas as The Universal Rights of Children, National Policy Issues for Children and Research Data on Asian-American Families. All Presidio personnel are invited to hear Ms. Kim at 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. a panel will convene to discuss "Living as a Military Child: World-Wide." Moderator will be COL Charles K. Cordes, MC-USA, Associate Clinical Professor of Child Psychiatry, UCSF. Ms. Kim will act as Resource Person. Other participants will include: LTC Edward Habeck, MSC-USA, Social Work Consultant, USA Health Service Command and MAJ Edward Van Vranklin, MSC-USA, Research, Family Studies Branch, U.S. Naval Health Research Center, San Diego. The program is sponsored by the Army Community Service International Year of the Child Committee, Tri-Service Regional Social Work Committee, the Letterman Army Medical Center, and the Child Advocacy Program of the Presidio. Both programs are open to the general public; however, seating is limited and reservations are required. If you would like to attend, phone 561-2174.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross Field Directors Office that was in bldg. 97 has been moved to rm 208. bldg 1016 of the hospital annex. The new phone number is 2187.

Building 97 will be used as a volunteer Training Center and First Aid Training.

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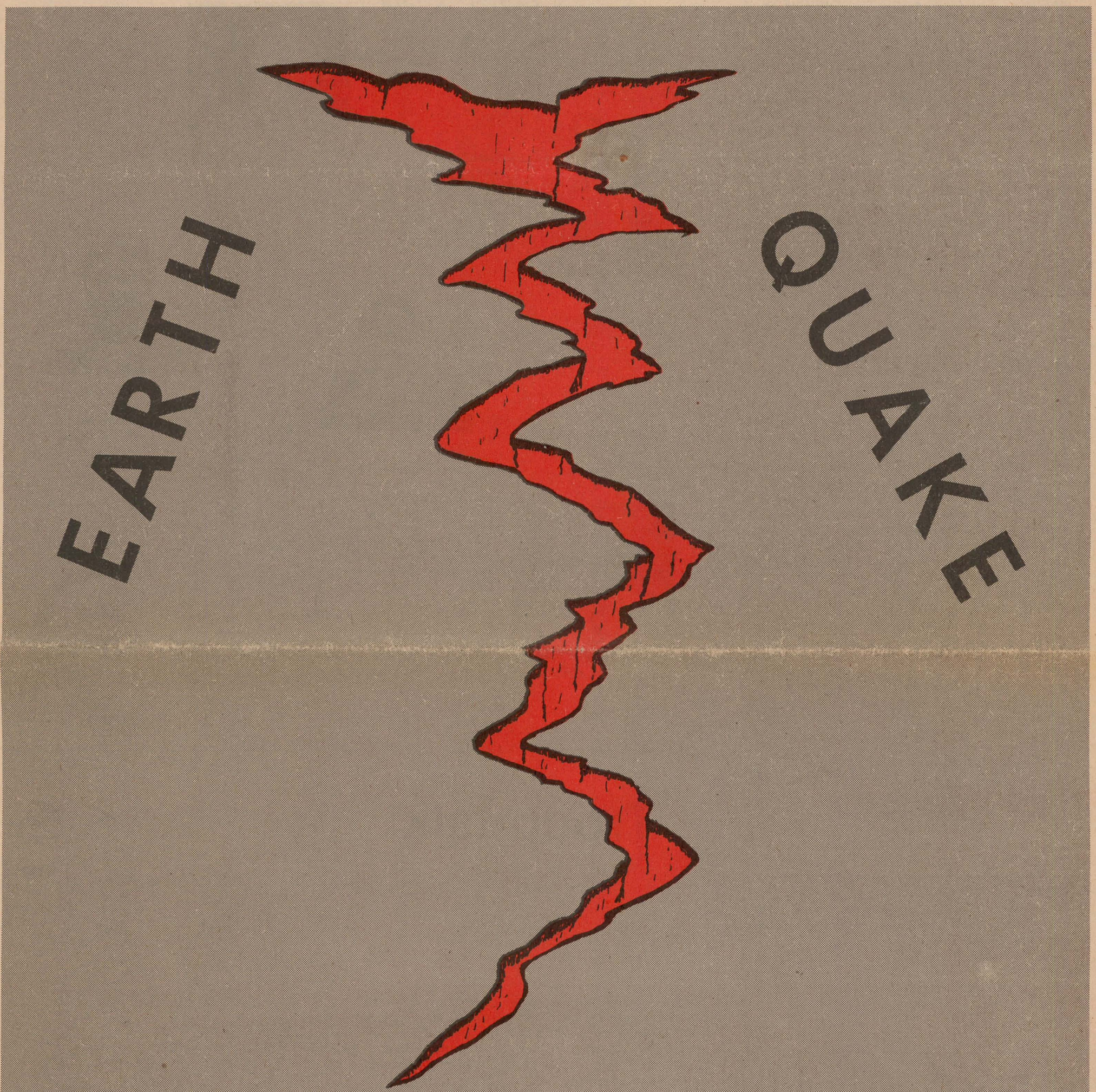

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PRESIDIO RESPONDS

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Letter to our readers

Dear Readers,

A few months ago, I promised a progress report on the **Star Presidian.** Our status is the same - eight pages! The response I have received has been great. "We" are on our way to a class A paper.

Obviously, we are not there yet. There is so much more we can do to keep the**Star Presidian** on the upswing. I am getting many calls, now, looking for coverage of special events, but I am not getting enough calls about individuals with interesting hobbies, or for coverage of unit activities. The recent photo feature on the 864th and 51st Engineers showed that the units are actively involved in important training. Call us or the Photo Lab for response.!

During the month of May or June we will be conducting a readership survey to get some feedback about the paper. Unless you respond to the questionnares we won't know what's on your mind. Also, the Action Line is in service. For those who don't know what the Action Line is - the Action Line is an outlet set up for individuals to call in gripes, complaints, questions, or suggestions. It is operating twenty four hours a day. Every Action Line call will be answered and many will be printed. Just dial 5463.

Hoping to hear from you! Just call me at 3908.

Ted Elisee
Editor

P.S. Where are those letters to the Editor?

a recruiting expert

LOS ANGELES - Whenever Capt. John Stephens treats you to some of his Army Recruiting expertise, you're bound to remember it for some time to come.

Take, for instance, the "moving" talk he presented to 150 active Army and Army Reserve recruiters of the Los Angeles District Command as they prepared to take on the mission of Army Reserves recruiting.

Dressed in an authentic American officer's World War I Army uniform complete with knee-high boots, he came on like a reincarnation in both appearance and spirit of Rough Rider Teddy Roosevelt.

The subject was his own pet formula on how to be a recruiting success.

"We're all professionals," he said, "and there are five key factors in the makeup of a professional.

"First you set your goals, high but reasonable ones," he said. "Then you apply imagination, confidence, motivation and action to attain those goals."

Currently operations officer for the Los Angeles District Command, Stephens has acquired first hand knowledge concerning "goals" and "success" over the years.

He played defensive back for two years while attending California State University at Hayward. He added another two years in the same position on the New Mexico Military Institute football team.

It was while at the New Mexico Military Institute, he said, that he was voted All-American.

Prior to his work with the Army Reserve recruiting mission, he headed a Reserve training and orientation conference.

In his speech to the Los Angeles recruiters, he tied the Army's historical importance to "being a success and getting the job done."

"Being part of the Los Angeles recruiting force is also fantastic," Stephens said. "It's a real challenge and an opportunity to recruit for the Army here in the 'City of Angels'."

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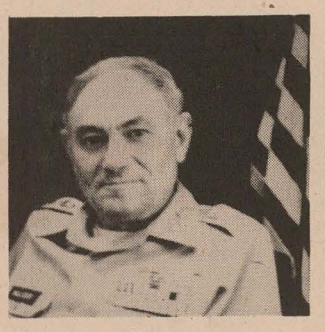
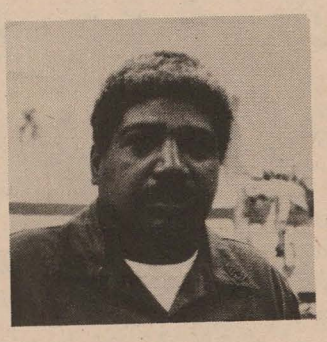
Ramblin' Sam

What slogan would you suggest for next quarter's blood drive and why?

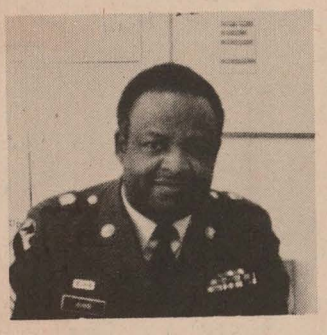


Colonel Aaron Walker, Dept. Sec - Who needs blood? Many people. Who are they? Many are us. Support the blood drive - there, but for the grace of God, go I.

Lt. Kyra Gordeneu, HQ Commandant - Your the right type "Positive". Giving blood is a good thing to do plus you're helping someone in need.

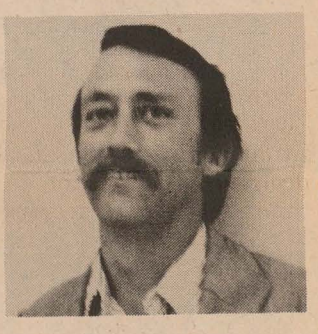


SFC Julius Colbert, Dept Sec - "A pint donated may mean a life
SFC Julius Colbert, Dept Sec - "A pint donated may mean a life saved." In time an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



MSG Joseph Bibb DIO - "Give a little save a life." Be an unsung hero, give blood to a worthy cause.

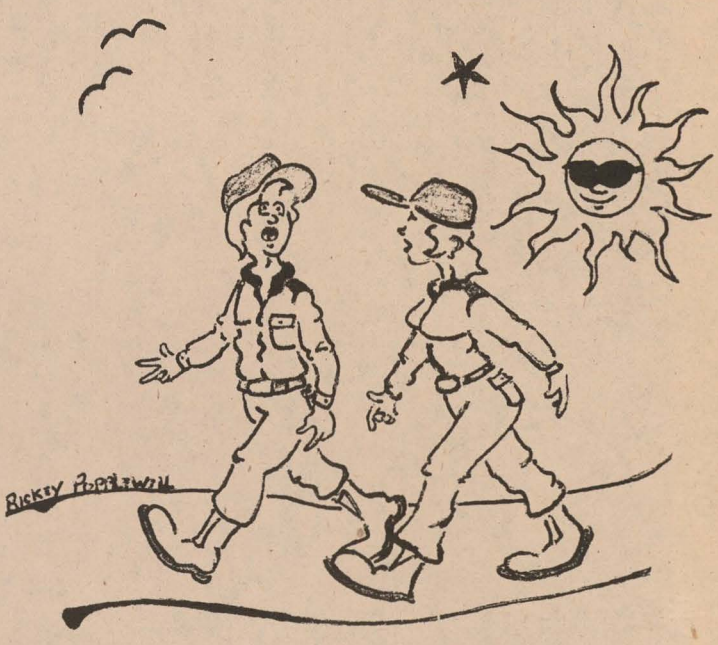
Mr. Frank Murphy, Deputy DRCS - "Give - you may save a life." Too many times we take for granted that others give blood when appeals are made. We should put ourselves in the place of those most in need and five blood when we are able to.



John Sergeant, Civilian personnel - "Make Dracula pay for his sins." Donating blood is a worthwhile cause knowing you have helped someone.

Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan



There's a new commander at the Company D, 864th Engineers - he's Capt. Larry Jenkins. He replaces Capt. David French who's PCSing to Syracuse University. Also headed to New York is Sgt. Charles Hamilton. He'll be TOY at Ft. Drum, to lend a hand to engineer units at that post.

The Sixth Region CIDC congratulates its new sergeant major, Jack Teal. His promotion makes him only the second soldier in the criminal investigation field to obtain that rank. Unfortunately, SGM Teal is currently in Letterman Army Hospital, and the unit wishes him a speedy recovery and return to duty.

Another change in command ceremony was held recently as 1st Lt. Lester Hazen assumed command of HHD, 504th MP Battalion. The units also got a new first sergeant, Sgt 1st Cl. Curtis Bentle.

The 51st Engineer Detachment bids farewell to Spec 4 Randy Miller who is heading to Germany via NCOES in Texas.

PV2 Stancia Roman has joined HQ, USAG after a tour in Korea. Spec 4 Don Terry is the unit's latest graduate of the Primary Leadership Course while Ruben Mercado and Isiah Lewis were promoted to Specialist 4.

Sgt. Daniel Johnson of USACC has reenlisted for four more years and for his present duty assignment.

The 170th MP Company has a new first shirt in 1SG William Thomas. But they bid farewell this week to Pfc John Betz who is PCSing to Ft. Bliss, Texas, and to Pfc Jeffrey Edberg who will attend the Dog Handler's School at Fort Sam Houston, and then heads for Germany.

Spec 4 John Forrey, of the 163rd MP Company has reenlisted for three years and a tour of duty in Germany. Joining him in raising was Spec 4 Ke Kwon who reupped for three years and an assignment to Korea. SSgt. James Remington will be leaving the unit soon to ETS.

SSgt. Randolfph M. Fified, of the U.S. Army Military Mail Terminal, San Francisco, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster. SSgt. Rified received the award for his work as NCOIC of the Postal Directory Section of his unit.

Presidio responds during SF desolation

By John Langellier

The first years of the 20th century witnessed a new atmosphere in the Army. The number of men in uniform had more than doubled from the previous decade. A general staff existed, and the various brand schools flourished. Up-to-date, sophisticated coastal defenses now guarded the more important waterways. The West Coast element of this modern military machine came under the purview of Major General Adolphus W. Greely, the Commander of the Division of the Pacific. A Congressional Medal of Honor winner for his bravery on a North Polar expedition, Greely held this prestigious position which entitled him to live in stately quarters at Fort Mason.

Greely's deputy, none other than Brigadier General Frederick Funston, held the title of Commander of the Department of California, a sub-element of the Division. During Greely's absenses the entire Pacific Coast of the United States became his responsibility.

In April, 1906, General Greely was, in fact, enroute to Chicago for his daughter's wedding. Funston held the reins of power during his superior's leave of absence.

At 5:16 a.m. on the eighteenth, Funston awakened as a result of earthquake shocks. Springing from bed the short, stout general hurriedly dressed and set out for his home at 1310 Washington Street. Once outside, Funston began to comprehend the situation more fully.

He first noted that the street cars were not running, so he hastened on foot to the business center of the City. Proceeding down Jones to California, he caught a glimpse of the impending tragedy. From high atop Nob Hill, Funston spied columns of smoke rising from several scattered locations, particularly in the region south of Market Street.

Soldiers respond

Funston knew that the San Francisco Police and Fire Departments would not be able to handle the situation without assistance from the military. He decided on the spot to call out his forces, even though this act exceeded his authority. Encountering a patrolman, the General inquired how the Mayor or Chief of Police could be reached. The officer replied that all telephone communications had ceased to function, but he believed that these officials would make their way to the Hall of Justice at Portsmouth Square. In response to this supposition, Funston instructed the policeman to seek out his Chief and deliver the message that all available troops would be placed at his disposal.

Losing no time, the winded General sprinted on another mile to the Army's quartermaster stables. Here he ordered a horse saddled, and a courier dispatched to rouse Fort Mason and the Presidio's garrisons. Once the task had been accomplished, Funston made his way to Departmental Headquarters at the Phelan Building.

Stunned by the fire, **citizens look on as troops attempt to move them to safety during the early morning of April 18.**

Here he found several officers and clerks getting the most important records ready for removal from the potentially endangered building. In the meantime, the first troops appeared from Fort Mason, Companies C and D of the Engineer's under Captain M.L. Walker. On the other hand, the Presidio's Commander, Colonel Charles Morris, refused to order out his men, insisting that Funston's orders violated regulations.

Two junior officers, Lieutenants Davis and Long decided that the General should still be obeyed. Hunting up the post bugler, they succeeded in turning out the troops with the "call-to-arms". At about 8:00 a.m., the Presidio's combined cavalry and artillery contingent began to arrive. Detachments immediately went to guard the Mint and Post Office, while the remainder assisted the police in keeping the immense crowds away from the raging fire, and from breaking into stores and saloons. Funston contended that the arrival of his men "was greeted with demonstrations of approval by the many people on the streets."

Believing everything would be brought under control, Funston walked back home. By this time, the streets were crowded with people peering anxiously at the columns of black smoke which continued to fill the air. In anticipation of the worst, Funston made his way to his house. After a cup of coffee, and instructions to his wife, Eda, to pack and move to the Presidio, the General hurried back down town. Funston's precaution proved well-founded for his home did eventually perish in flames as so many others would over the next few days.

By mid-morning the former Kansan ceased to worry about his own lodging since the fire continued to creep. In desperation, the acting chief of the Fire Department sent word that he needed explosives, fast! With the water mains broken, fire breaks seemed the only alternative to save the city from total destruction. The Army and Navy provided dynamite and gun cotton to this end. Soon the explosions would begin which, along with the "terrific roar of the conflagration" and the "crashing of falling walls", would "make the next three days hideous".

While the military responded to the request for explosives and other aid, Funston finally dispatched a telegram to Washington. He informed the War Department that "the troops had been turned out to assist in fighting the fire, aiding the police, and saving property." While Funston openly violated the **Posse Comitatus** Act, he felt strongly that his superiors would "authorize any action I might have to take". Consequently, he never declared martial law, as some popular sources erroneously reported.

By 10:00 a.m. Funston faced one more decision. The commissary depot went up in flames. Another cable announced that 30,000 people would need rations and shelter in short order. He eventually realized that this estimate would be tripled at the rate the fire spread.

Supply line

For three anxious days thousands of tents, ponchos, shoes, and shirts came from the Presidio's Quartermaster warehouses. Eventually some 716 relief stations came into existence through the city. An attempt to house the sick, nursing mothers, and "the more delicate of the women" caused the troops to leave their barracks to provide space for needy. To handle the overflow, tents rapidly appeared and after a time, the Engineers cut lumber to furnish floors for the bigger ones.

Getting the displaced citizens "under canvas" constituted but the first phase of relief. Medical support, burying the dead, and feeding the living would occupy the Army, as well as many other elements of the local community. At the outset confusion dictated desperate measures on many occasions.

For instance, a few privates became separated from their unit and came upon almost 5,000 destitute refugees. The people soon formed an impromptu camp organized and operated by the soldiers. For two days, they fed the people, mostly Italians, from nearby Grocery stores, until supplies

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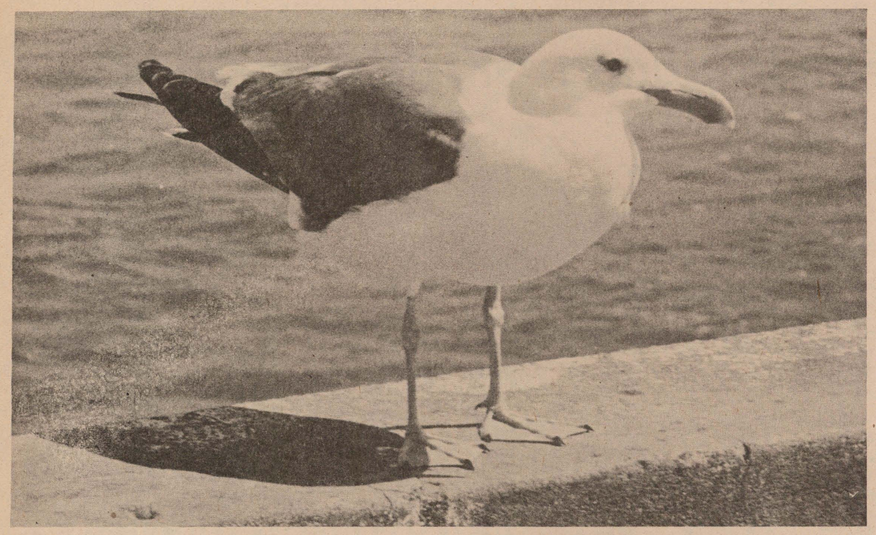
General Funston (marked by the arrow) **stands with the key members of his staff on the steps of the temporary Department Headquarters at Fort Mason. (photos courtesy Presidio Army museum)**



He sighed and he cried as he cast his net into the sea

photos by Ken Juber
story by Ted Elisee

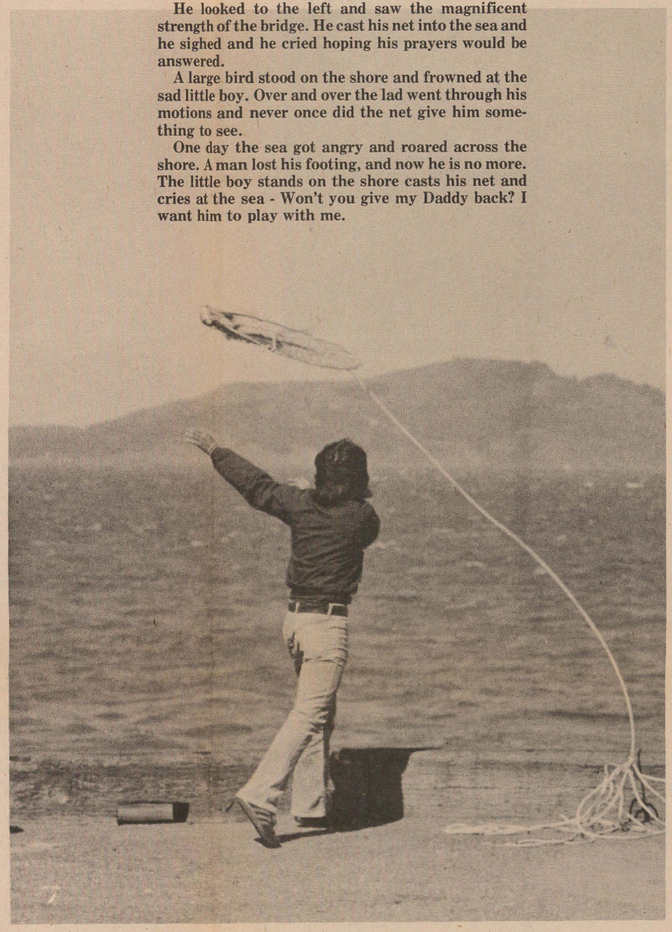
There was a little boy who stood on the shore.

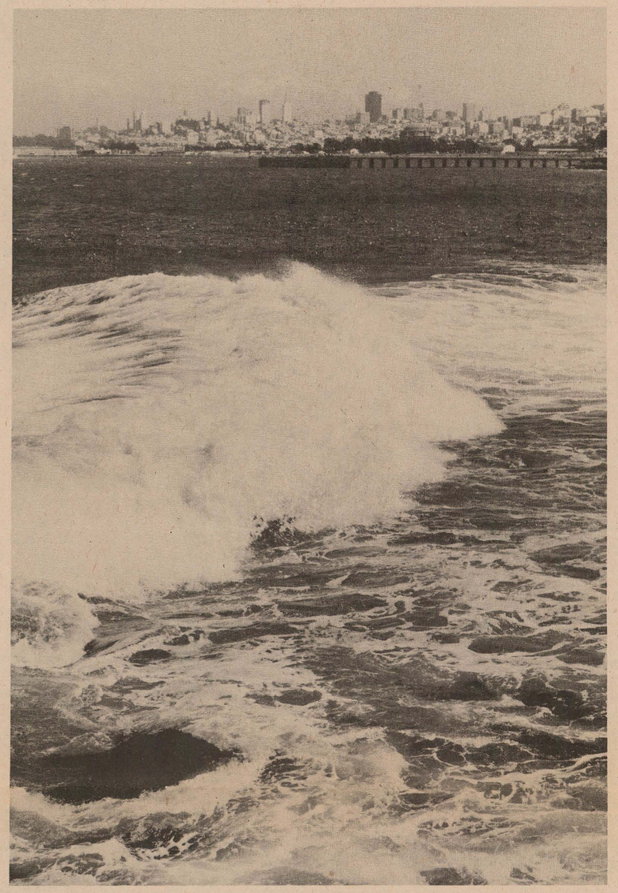
Daily he threw his net into the sea. He sighed and he cried, watching the tide hoping for his prayers to be answered.

He looked to the left and saw the magnificent strength of the bridge. He cast his net into the sea and he sighed and he cried hoping his prayers would be answered.

A large bird stood on the shore and frowned at the sad little boy. Over and over the lad went through his motions and never once did the net give him something to see.

One day the sea got angry and roared across the shore. A man lost his footing, and now he is no more. The little boy stands on the shore casts his net and cries at the sea - Won't you give my Daddy back? I want him to play with me.





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were furnished by the government.

In another case, a wagon load of supplies conveyed by soldiers passed by Filbert and Van Ness. A crowd of hungry people allegedly besieged the cargo and appealed to the troops. Sieging an axe, a soldier smashed the boxes and tossed the supplies to the cheering crowd.

In the meantime, General Funston kept active, "always at the front". From horseback he appeared all afternoon at the perimeter of the flames, his face black with soot, his clothes soaked from fire hoses. According to one observer, he looked as if he had just come off "some Civil War battlefield."

During the chaotic ordeal, he found time to held Major Eugene Schmitz organize the "Committee of 50", a group of local leading citizens who aided officials in an advisory capacity. It was Schmitz, however, who issued a strong proclamation which stated that

> the Federal Troops, the members of the Regular Police Force and all Special Police Officers have been authorized by me to KILL any and all persons found engaged in Looting or in the Commission of Any Other Crime.

This severe controversial document, along with General Funston's own decision to close off San Francisco from incoming traffic to prevent incidents, combined to make the myth of martial law spread nearly as fast as the fire. The latter move, especially, angered the outside press since they had been cut off from covering one of the most spectacular events of the century. Later, Funston would have to modify his original restrictions in order to accommodate the "Third Estate."

Dealing with the media paled when compared to the next crisis, since the fire, which appeared to be subsiding at first, again flared up at about 6:00 in the evening. A horror filled night followed with four square miles of the city burning. Funston recalled, "The night was as light as day, and the roar of the conflagration, the crash of the falling walls, and the continuous explosion made a pandemonium simply indescribable. For the moment, all seemed lost.

Presidential decision

The next morning, April 19, Secretary of War William Taft finally approved Funston's actions, cableing:

> **Do everything possible to assist in keeping order, in saving lives and property and in relieving hunger by use of troops, materials, and supplies under your order. House passed enabling resolution today, Senate will tomorrow.**

Tent cities sprang up **all over the Presidio, Ft. Scott, Fort Mason and several other sites around San Francisco to house hundreds of thousands of homeless people.**

Communications were re-established **by Army Signal-Corpsmen. Here a temporary telegraph center keeps San Francisco linked to the outside world.**

This message brought more than **post facto** sanction to Funston's efforts, for it also represented hundreds of thousands of dollars in Federal relief funds.

Still all this was premature for the moment since the lack of water still failed to quench the flames. Funston, from his newly established central headquarters at Fort Mason, welcomed the arrival of Admiral C.F. Goodrich's Pacific Squadron with reenforcements of "blue jackets" and Marines. The combined military and civilian contingents had their work cut out for them.

During the evening of the second day over 250,000 people slept on the grounds of Fort Mason, the Presidio, Golden Gate Park, and wherever they could find momentarily safe open spaces. These exhausted refugees would have rested less easily if they knew that the fire reached Van Ness Avenue at that time. Captain LeVert Coleman, an artillery officer, received orders to destroy a number of buildings far enough ahead of the fire to make a clearing along Broadway, Franklin and Gough. This heroic effort, along with the Water Department's success in getting a main into operation nearby, eventually succeeded in halting the fire at Van Ness Avenue.

Not until Saturday, April 21, 1906, however was the fire completely out. At 7:15 on that morning the ravaged City of San Francisco could breathe a brief sigh of relief. Some 3,400 acres lay smoldering. Over half the city's population of 450,000 were refugees, while the entire community lacked all modern conveniences and many necessities.

Somehow, five separate bodies maintained order during the desperate three days. The Municipal Police, the California National Guard, Citizens' Committees, and the U.S. Army and Navy, although acting independently, logged an impressive record. Of nine reported deaths by violence, two died at the hands of the National Guard, two by police, and one by actions of the "so-called citizens' vigilante committee." Those responsible for the remaining four casualties could not be determined, but considering the circumstances, these isolated cases were fortunately the exception and not the rule.

Accusations

Few actual complaints against the military ever proved true. For the most part, when General Greely reassumed command on April 23, he found the situation well in hand. From the ruins, some 498 dead were recovered, while an additional 415 people suffered serious injury. Many of these received care at Letterman Army General Hospital, where Lieutenant Colonel George H. Torney and Miss Dora Thompson, later to head the US Army Nurse Corps in World War I, served along with numerous other military medical personnel.

Greely was justifiably proud of the nearly 4,000 individuals in his command who assisted the stricken city. He noted in his official report that:

> **Without regular food or rest, they labored continuously from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, and some, General Funston included, were without sleep for a longer period. Wherever aid was needed, whether with horse or ax, with dynamite or powder, to save records or remove personal property, to help the infirm or care for the sick, these men were always striving, no matter how adverse the conditions of danger or how arduous the labor.**

If the Bay Area ever again experiences such a traumatic sequence of events, it is good to know that Presidio troops still remain ready and able to lend a helping hand, as they did over seventy years ago.

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Cinco de Mayo celebration

THE MEANING OF CINCO DE MAYO . . .

Just as our original thirteen colonies overthrew the oppressive yoke of King George of England in 1775, the Mexican people, under Benito Juarez as their liberal, political leader, united against their French oppressor (Maximillian - appointed by Napoleon III) at a small town named Puebla on 5 May 1862. This started a revolution that culminated with the ultimate ouster of the French in 1867. Benito Juarez was subsequently inaugurated as the first president of modern day Mexico.

Hispanic Americans are the second largest minority in the United States today and demographic experts predict that by 1985, they will be the most numerous of the ethnic groups in this country. In an effort to increase public awareness of the rich heritage of our Spanish speaking neighbor to the south, "Cinco de Mayo", the Mexican equivalent of our Fourth of July is being observed with festivities and a parade. (see attached Calendar of events).

A trip is planned to "El Cabrito" a renowned Mexican restaurant in the Mission district. Group discount is offered to those persons desiring a noon meal on 3 May 79. This is an excellent opportunity to sample the culinary delights of another culture at a very reasonable price. Free transportation will be provided. If you can't make that one, visit your local mess hall and enjoy.

The Presidio has been invited to participate in the annual Cinco de Mayo parade sponsored by The Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation, Inc. The Sixth Army Band, a Presidio Color Guard, and a Float with the theme of "Three flags over Presidio" will participate in the parade. Volunteers are needed to help build the float. Interested personnel should contact CPT Gonzalez (extension 2722) or CPT Mondragon (extension 3952.)

In 1776 a small Spanish Army expedition established the first garrison in what is now the main post area. The Presidio Officers' Club was built at the time as the first headquarters for the Spanish detachment. This building is renowned today as the oldest structure in the San Francisco area. When Mexico overthrew their Spanish rulers in 1822, they occupied the Presidio until 1846 when American troops finally took control of the post. The architecture of the post reflects the strong Spanish and Mexican influence.

SGM Dona Dunbar returns to WRRC

FORT BAKER, Calif. - Sergeant Maj. Dona Dunbar, the newly assigned NCOIC of the Western Region Recruiting Command's Professional Development Division is "back home" again.

It's a "home" she never really left.

With the exception of her previous assignment at the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, she's spent all 12 years of her recruiting field duty in what is today known as the Western Region.

"I guess you could say I've gone the full circuit," she said. "Western Region, West Region, Western Regional or 6th District, if you want to go way back."

Single and originally from Billings, Mont. Dunbar has developed a unique view of her military career.

"I've enjoyed most of my past assignments," she said, "and got something out of most of them." Prior to Fort Bliss and the Sergeants Major Academy, she was senior guidance counselor at Butte, Mont.

The Western Region NCO said she lacks "about four credits" of work towards an Associate Art degree in industrial management, a goal she's been pursuing in her off-duty time.

"I hope to complete the work if ever I can find the time," she said.

Dunbar said she is due to be with the Western Region Headquarters until July 1, 1980, when she hopes to retire after 22 years of military service.

A greater gift has never been given than to share a pint with a friend.

The Presidio of San Francisco blood drive will be conducted on Tuesday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in buildings 135 and 1216.

Donors with appointments will be given priority so contact your activity representative as soon as possible.

Auction benefit for pre-school

There will be an auction for the benefit of the Presidio Pre-School at noon on May 5, at the east end of Crissey Field.

Also, a flea market with proceeds from the market going to the school will be held. Some of the items that will be auctioned off will be a boat (valued at five hundred dollars), a roll top desk, tickets to Giants games, dinners, autographed Raiders footballs etc. The flea market will feature baked goods and hand crafts. Any donations of items to be auctioned or to be sold at the flea market will be greatly appreciated.

For further information about the auction, please contact Jerry Friese, ext. 4527.

Presidio Players will open in "The Boy Friend" April 30

The box office at the Presidio Playhouse opens Monday, April 23 for tickets for "THE BOY FRIEND."

It will be open from 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances. The Presidio Players' spoof of 1920's musical comedies opens on April 27 and will play on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through April 19; Sunday, May 6 at 7 p.m.; and Sundays, April 29, May 13 and 20 will be Dinner Theatre Shows, with a buffet dinner at the Presidio Officers' Club at 5:30 p.m., followed by the performance at the Playhouse at 7 p.m. All performances are open to everyone.

"THE BOY FRIEND" is a witty, stylish cartoon of the Jazz Age, by Sandy Wilson. A London hit, it came to the U.S.A. and won similar enthusiastic reaction. "THE BOY FRIEND" first brought attention to Julie Andrews, in her American debut. The musical is a good-humored, tuneful and affectionate valentine to the innocence and high spirits of the Charleston and short skirts, using flapper-type music and lyrics. It is a musical that the entire family can enjoy.

Tickets are $3.50 for regular performances and $10.50 for adults and $7.00 for children under 12 for Dinner Theatre Shows. All ticket prices are $1.00 less for military personnel, dependents, retired military, and reservists, upon presentation of I.D. card. Tickets may also be ordered by mail and for further information call 561-3992 during box office hours, 1-5 p.m.

Hortense, the French maid, (Michele Raymond) **scolds Lisa Lannan, Jacinto Gorringe, Julie Lee, and Suzanne Grodner for not being "Perfect Young Ladies" in the Presidio Players' production of the musical comedy, "THE BOY FRIEND," opening April 27 at the Presidio Playhouse. (Photo by John Hoffman)**

News notes

MOS Library

The MOS Library will be temporarily closed for the week of April 30 thru May 4. During this period the Library will be moved into the Ft Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216. The telephone extension will remain the same, ext., 5205. Please anticipate your unit training and individual study needs before the move begins because it will be impossible to fulfill a request during the move.

Umpires Needed

Want to earn a little extra money this summer and help the military recreational sports program be a success? We need baseball and softball umpires (Little League and adults). We train. There is also a need for individuals to keep the scoreboard and prepare the fields prior to games. Military and dependents (over 16 for officials and over 12 for scorekeepers) interested should call CPT Rich or SP6 Murphy at ext2794 or SGT Johnson at 2911 for further information. Season starts in just a couple of weeks.

Drowning

During calendar year 1979 a total of 31 soldiers lost their lives in swimming mishaps. An analysis pf these drowning accidents indicates a need for safety in water activities. Some of the most common cause factors are:

a. Weak or non-swimmers exceeding their ability.
b. Swimming in unauthorized area or areas not protected by life guards.
c. Drinking alcoholic beverages before and/or during water activities.
d. Failing to use the buddy system.
e. Attempting to swim beyond levels of physical endurance.
f. Boating/Canoeing without life preservers.
g. Failing to insure adequate depth of water prior to diving.
h. Using air mattresses as a floatation device.
i. Probable effects of hypothermia.
j. Horseplay.
k. Failure to use proper scuba diving procedures. Overloaded boats (above design limits).
m. Swimming immediately after eating.
n. Disregard of hazards weather and water conditions prior to boating.

Accidental drownings are the second highest cause of deaths within FORSCOM. On post swimming classes are held periodically and boating safety courses are available from the Coast Guard. Individuals must be particularly alert and mindful of items a through n for safe water activities.

Ed Center news

BEGINNING GERMAN HEADSTART CLASSES Students will learn practical German to be able to ask directions, exchange dollars, order a meal, tell time, buy a train ticket, make a phone call and much more. The course is designed especially for military personnel and Department of the Army civilians on orders or alerted for duty in Germany. The class will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mon and Wed, April 16 to June 25, at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216. For further information or to reserve a place in class, call ext 2974/4445.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross Field Directors Office that was in bldg. 97 has been moved to rm 208. bldg 1016 of the hospital annex. The new phone number is 2187.

Building 97 will be used as a volunteer Training Center and First Aid Training.

Rec Center news

MAGIC MOUNTAIN, Valencia, CA announces Military Weekends, May 12, 13, 19, and 20. Advance tickets are $5.50 each at your Presidio Recreation Center. This is a substantial savings over the regular price of $8.95 for adults, and $7.95 for children. Magic Mountain is located 1/2 hour north of Hollywood on Interstate 5.

MOTHERS DAY QUIZ: If you would like to win a dozen Red Roses to be sent to your mother on Mother's Day, then you should enter the Presidio Recreation Center's Mothers Day Quiz. If you are the winner we will send your mother a dozen roses in your name on Mothers Day. To enter just stop by the Rec. Center and fill out a questionnaire after 4 p.m., Bldg 1299.

HAWAII TOUR PLANNED: Dates from 27 June-July 5, Yes nine days/eight nights at the Hale Koa Hotel, and a round trip ticket can be yours for only $388.20 (double occupancy) All deposits of $20.00 per person must be paid by 27 April. There will be no refunds of this deposit after 27 Apr. This tour is open only to active duty military, dependents, and eligible guests. Retired Military will be accommodated on a space available basis. For additional information call Ex 2000/5420 after 4 p.m.

MILITARY FUN DAYS AT SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK: The dates are April 28 and 29. On these dates you may purchase any number of unlimited ride wristbands for just $3.95. So make yourself a note to take your ID card, and your kids, to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk on these dates.

MILITARY SPRING FLING AT SEA WORLD: If you are going to San Diego during April and you are planning to visit Sea World, then you should stop by the Recreation Center (Log Cabin) and save 30/ off the normal price of admission with our Free Discount Cards. For additional information call Ex 2000/5420 or stop by Bldg 1299.

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Vietnam Era veterans statistics released

Washington (AR News) - Vietnam era military service began August 5, 1964 and ended by Presidential Proclamation on May 7, 1975. Following are statistics concerning Vietnam Era Veterans as provided by the Veterans Administration. (VA).

In the 14 years since the start of the Vietnam Era, the number of Veterans in civil life who served during that period has grown to nearly nine million.

The average age of all Vietnam Era Veterans is 32.

There are more than 178,000 female Vietnam Era Veterans, of these, 64,000 are between the ages of 25-29.

It is estimated that Vietnam Era Veterans are 90 percent white, 9.3 percent black and.7 percent of all other races. About 4.8 percent are Spanish-speaking or have Spanish surnames.

Nearly one million Vietnam Era Veterans live in California, 605,000 live in New York, 500,000 in Texas, 480,000 in Pennsylvania, and 441,000 in Ohio.

Eighty-one percent of Vietnam Era Veterans discharged through September 1978 had completed high school when separated from the Armed Forces. This compares with 45 percent for World War II and 63 percent for Korea.

Thirty-two percent of Vietnam Era Veterans in civil life saw service in the Vietnam Theater of Operation.

Vietnam Erea Veterans average nearly 36 months active service.

More than half the discharges since the start of the Vietnam Era were from the Army, 21 percent were from the Navy, 18 percent from the Air Force, 10 percent from the Marine Corps, and 1 percent from the Coast Guard. Of these, 96 percent were under honorable conditions.

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LAMC celebrates years of dedicated service

By John Langellier

On February 15, 1898, the U.S.S. Maine blew up at its anchorage in Havana Harbor. Shortly thereafter, the United States declared war on Spain. Numerous volunteers responded to the call for recruits. Over thirty thousand would eventually assemble here on the Presidio in a temporary encampment which received the name of Camp Merrit, near Golden Gate Park. These numbers strained local military support. For instance, the tiny Presidio Hospital (now the Post Museum) could house but fifty patients. Consequently, much of the medical work had to be conducted "under canvas" in field hospital tents, or in some of the newly completed red brick barracks located along today's Montgomery Street, just west of the Parade Ground. Finally, a contract to build a suitable permanent hospital was called for late in 1898.

A local architect, W.H. Wilcox submitted the design, and his pavilion plan in the form of a quadrangle covered six acres of ground, at a completed cost of nearly $90,000, no mean sum in 1899. This price included furnishings and equipment.

While its location was considered good due to its proximity to the troops, and the city, the locale alternately caused some problems. Its first commander, Dr. A. C. Girard, complained of its "exposure to the high winds and fogs of the Presidio, the low ground upon which it is located, and the proximity to the liquor shops" adjoining the site. An earlier survery declared the spot unsuitable since "roads are too dusty ...(the) sea too close and insects obnoxious."

Shortly after the hospital's equipment arrived, the number of patients swelled from 289 to 1040, not only filling the wards in the new hospital, but also again overflowing into two of the brick barracks, and four of the wooden barracks on post, according to Dr. Girard. This able medical officer proved the ideal commander, not only did he supervise all the administrative details, but he also performed much of the surgery himself. By the end of 1900 he had personally conducted 178 operations, of which only three died later as a result of outside complications.

Some 5,390 patients received treatment the first year from Girard, and his staff of six medical officers, one line officer, three hospital stewards, and twenty-three nurses. This latter group provided extremely capable service to the Army's long standing male Medical Corps. At this outset of the War with Spain, the Surgeon General obtained Congressional approval to appoint women as contract nurses for $30.00 a month plus their daily ration. Doctor Anita McGee, Vice President of the DAR, accepted the responsibility of selecting graduate nurses from the civilian sector. Her high standards did not discourage the 1,200 women who volunteered between May through June of 1898. Eventually, some 1,500 individuals would heed the call for aid as nurses, many of these women seeing service in the Bay Area's new Army General Hospital, and other medical facilities around the Presidio and Camp Merrit.

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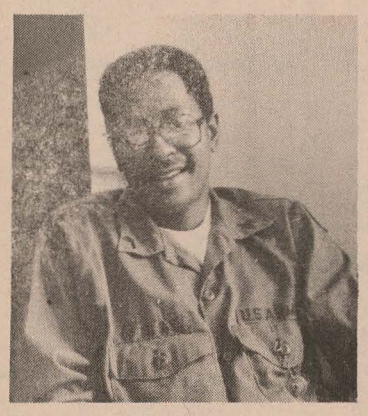
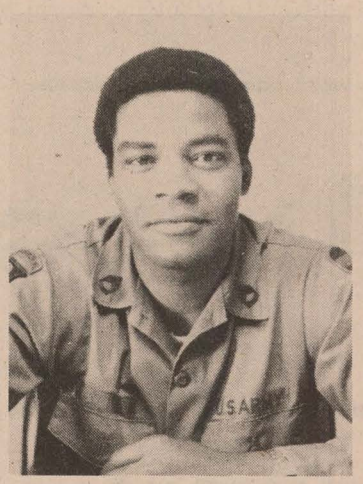
Ramblin' Sam

What do you think is the most important mission performed on the Presidio?



Sgt. Robert Boggess, 51st Engineers — "The hospital, it provides medical care of all types, from sick call to surgery, for everyone. Everything else on Presidio is primarily for support."

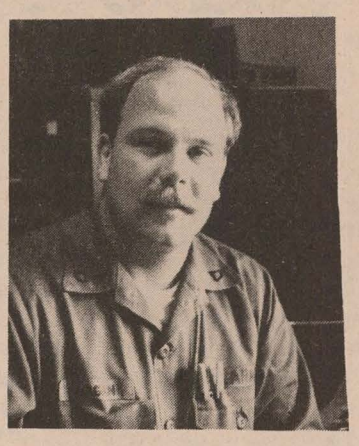


SFC James Wood, 1st Sgt., 16th AG (Postal) — "Straf readiness and the Hospital support. It's important for Straf units to be ready for immediate mobilization to anywhere in the world in case of national emergency, and Letterman Army Hospital which provides medical care for all military, both active and retired, in the bay area."

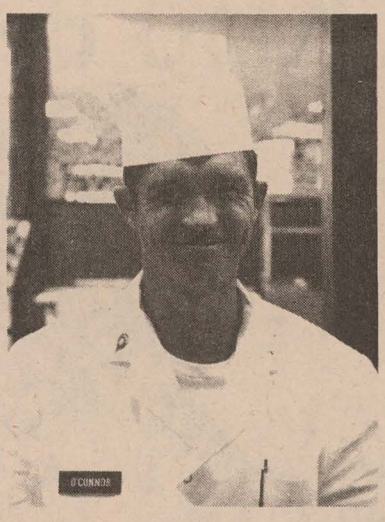
Capt. James Lloyd, USAR, Attached to Post Adjutant's Office — "Premobilization Planning, because it's very important to be ready to move in case of a national emergency."

Sp5 George O'Connor, Cook, 504th MP Bn Dining Facility — "They are all important, to say that one is more important than another is to say that other personnel are not necessary which creates a feeling of being unwanted. Each individual has his or her own job which is important to that person as well as the Army."

Sp4 Kay Kwon, Supply Clerk, 163rd MP Co. — "Everybody's job is important, especially to himself or herself."



PFC Barry Hagan, 864th Engineers, Training NCO — "The most important mission is training and to be prepared for national emergencies as well as preparing for a carrier, both military and civilian."



Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

The reason that I am sending this to you late is because I just came back from the field. It has come to my attention that there was no memorial services held for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is really bad that a place as big as the "Presidio" did not take time to have a memorial service for Dr. King. He was trying to make the world a better place to live in for all races and here it is the "Presidio" did not do anything in reference to his death, at least not on Ft. Scott.

I would like to have a reply as to why there was no memorial service held for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I know that there would have been memorial services held for the late President John F. Kennedy.

As I was stationed in Germany, even the battalion that I was in had services for Dr. King, so I know that the Presidio should have had services for Dr. King.

P.S. I hope that this gets in the paper.

Thank you,
Craig R. Thompson
16th AG Det.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service is held nationally on his birthday, Jan 15. A Presidio-wide observance is also held. This year's program was held at the Post Theater. Each unit received information in regards to this program. DA directs that all military installations conduct appropriate activities for this occasion. Only a few areas conduct memorial services on his assassination date. The birthday emphasis is part of an effort to establish a national holiday in his memory.

Additional programs can be conducted. You should coordinate with your area-coverage chaplain located at Ft Scott chapel to assist in any future program planning or contact the HRD who has a standing Black History Committee that is meeting to plan activities for the coming year.

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Troop talk

by Tom Tiernan

Major B. Wicks, Maj. W. Holston, Sgt. J. Muna, and Sp5 J. Lawless, have something in common. They all achieved 500 points on the semi-annual PT test conducted by Headquarters Company, USAG. The company welcomes its newest member Sp5 Donald Huffman who just arrived from Germany.

The 51st Engineer Detachment has rolled out the welcome mat for their new commander, Capt. William Goodhand. But they also bid farewell to Sp4 Edison Beck who is ETSing.

Pfc Ted Kampburg of Company D, 864th Engineers, has flown north for the Small Arms Repair course at Fort Lewis, while Sp4 Leonard Mack, and Pfc Wayde Coffey return from the Primary Leadership Course at Fort Ord. The unit welcomes its newest member, Pvt. Labaron Lester.

The 170th MP Company bids farewell this week to Sp4 Robert Berry who is ETSing.

All Army track

by Julie Casey

The U.S. Army All Army Track Team has begun two months of training in preparation for the 1979 Interservice Track Meet to be held at the California State University track in Hayward, June 8 and 9.

The thirty-seven member team, which includes seven women, trains six days a week at California state under the watchful eye of Coach (retired Lieutenant Colonel) Jesse Liscomb.

Competitors on the team came from Army posts around the world with some coming from as far away as Turkey. Included on the team are Olympic Stars Mike Shine, (silver medalist in the 1976 Summer games) and Tommie Haynes, a medalist in the triple jump in 1976.

Other standouts for the Army team include world class race-walkers Steve DiBernardo and Sally McPherson, both of whom recently qualified to represent the Army in the Pan American Games.

Anthony Carter in the long jump, Wendell Angle in the intermediate hurdles, and Howard Brock in the mile relay will also be tough competitors, according to Coach Liscomb.

How will last year's champions fare this year? Coach Liscomb responsed, "Let's just say we are going to show up at the meet. I feel that this year's team is the most representative in recent years with competitors in every event."

Shaping the team into competition form is a tough job according to Coach Liscomb who's been with the team off and on since 1950. The Army gives me six weeks to work miracles, but it doesn't work that way. You have to push the ahtletes but not too much, yet they have to be ready for the championship."

According to the coach, the team's goal is to win the Interservice Championship, and qualify for the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Championships.

This is only the second year in which Army women have participated on the Army team. And Coach Liscomb had high praise for the girls. "Like last year, the women on the team are a tremendous morale factor. I really enjoy coaching them and I hope to see their program grow in future years."

As the host for this year's meet the Army can be counted upon to make a strong showing and hopefully bring home another championship trophy.

Going to Germany?

Taking your automobile!!! Do you have the right type insurance??? Married!!! Have you arranged for your dependents to travel, and your household goods to be shipped???? Got a place lined up to live in while you're over there????

QUESTIONS — thousands of questions and you need to know the most recent and accurate information in making the right decisions regarding all those questions.

FORSCOM soldiers and civilian employees going overseas can get the ansers to a lot of those questions by reading a newly revised DA Pamphlet 608-12 entitled, "Germany - Facts You Need to Know," which will be at FORSCOM installations June 1.

MILPERCEN has revised the 608 series pamphlet, including recent photographs, to help at least tell the soldier where to go and find most of the answers.

The pamphlet on Germany is designed to assist soldiers and civilians and their dependents in planning for their assignment in Germany. The information is intended to alert them as to what to expect, how to adjust and how to make their tour as rewarding as possible.

The revised pamphlet includes a description of the overseas orientation program, details on shipment of POV's, pets, household goods, recreational activities, and many other subjects. Material on customs, culture and lifestyle of the country are also covered.

Additionally, there is information for civilian employees that was previously contained in separate pamphlets. This pamphlet will be distributed during the overseas orientation briefing.

The publication incorporates DA Pamphlet 690-2, "Civilians in Germany," DA Pamphlet 608-21, "The Tenant in Germany," and DA Pamphlet 360-404, "Pocket Guide to Germany," (Army portion). Arrangements have been made for additional copies to be ordered from the Baltimore publication center after the initial distribution has been made.

Crime scene

child abuse

by Don Delver

The loud ring of the emergency phone jarred Sgt. Fletcher momentarily. Until now it had been a quiet night for the MP's, but as he picked up the receiver he felt the sense of urgency associated with the red phone. At the other end was someone in crisis. "Send someone quick, my God he's killing her!" The panic in the voice was unmistakable, and Sgt. Fletcher forced himself to slow down in order to get all the relevant information. "Where are you?" was the first thing he asked. Pausing a moment to dispatch a patrol, Sgt. Fletcher proceeded to get as much information as possible in order to prepare the MP Patrol that was to investigate.

Turning back to the radio, he again made contact with the patrol, this time giving them all the details. In less than 2 minutes after Sgt. Fletcher picked up the phone, two responding patrolmen were at the door of Sp5 Adam's quarters. Screaming, cursing, and sounds of a violent struggle came from inside, and no one responded to the MP's demands to be let in. The door yielded to the powerful kick delivered by Sp4 Johnson, senior member of the patrol, and the two patrolmen rushed inside.

The scene before them had an almost unreal quality, and at the same time was all too familiar to the two patrolmen. A frantic woman clung desperately to an enraged, bestial looking man, trying to restrain him. In the corner, pathetically trying to shield her head with her thin arms crouched a small girl. She was sobbing and pleading with her father not to hit her. The broken bottles, plates and scattered furniture and brac-a-brac bore witness to the violence which had occurred moments before.

The MP's were on time, and the physical damage done to the little girl from the beating was not too severe. She may require years to recover from the psychological scars, but the therapy that she and her parents are undergoing seems to be helping. This is one isolated case of severe child abuse, selected, as you may have suspected, for its dramatic impact. You may be wondering how typical this kind of thing is in a peaceful community like the Presidio. Here are the facts.

Within the Presidio community, an average of 75 cases of child abuse and child neglect are reported yearly. This converts to about 1-1/2 cases per week. Conservative estimates suggest that there is at least one other case of abuse or neglect for every case that is reported. On the Presidio, that would mean 3 cases a week, or 150 cases a year. This is a dreary commentary on the state of the military family, yet with the pressures of day to day living, perhaps we should be grateful that the figures are not higher.

This is the Year of the Child, and adults reading this article need to assess their responsibility to the children of this community. We cannot expect our children to grow into healthy, responsible citizens unless we protect them from cruelty and maltreatment. Most importantly, we must report each and every incidence of suspected abuse or neglect, not out of vindictiveness, but out of our desire to protect a vulnerable child from lasting harm.

The Military Police join with the Doctors, Nurses, Medical Specialists, Counselors, Teachers and many others in urging you to support the Year of the Child, and to make a commitment to assist them in their fight against child abuse and child neglect. Contact the MP Juvenile Section at 561-4925 or 4721 if you have any questions concerning child abuse, reporting procedures, or any related matter. Please help us to help you.

Heartwarming hero works on PSF

by Tom Tiernan

Photo by Mike Willoughby

Spec 4 John Forrey is a hero, at least to Ms. Louise Goldberg, a Sausalito, Calif. resident, and her golden retriever, Winston.

On April 10, Spec 4 Forrey, a military policeman assigned to the 163rd Military Police Company, pulled Winston from the San Francisco Bay, near Fort Baker, a sub-post of the Presidio of San Francisco.

The dog, which had been missing for a day, was spotted by a fisherman who attempted but failed to pull Winston from the water. The man then called the Presidio military police who sent Spec 4 Forrey of the animal control section.

Descending the steep cliffs which surround Fort Baker, Spec 4 Forrey found the dog in shallow water struggling to stay atop some rocks just off shore. The military policeman called to Winston and the animal fought his way ashore.

Although the dog was safe, Spec 4 Forrey and Winston still faced the enormous challenge of climbing up the cliffs.

The wet and weary animal, eager to be home, climbed the rocks until he reached a spot where it was too steep to continue. Then Spec 4 Forrey holding on to a cable with one hand lifted and pushed the 100 pound Winston a few feet at a time until they reached the top.

Spec 4 Forrey then took Winston to the Presidio vet clinic and called a grateful and relieved Ms. Goldberg. Owner and pet were soon reunited thanks to the military policeman's actions.

Spec 4 Forrey, who as a child never had a pet, joined the Army in July of 1973 and reenlisted April 19 for another three years. After completing his training, the MP was assigned to the 95th Military Police Battalion before coming to the Presidio of San Francisco in May, 1978.

Upon his arrival here, one of his first duties was with the then rotated animal control patrol. When the patrol was permanently assigned to the 163rd MP Company, Spec 4 Forrey volunteered and became its only staff.

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By the following summer, the Surgeon General's Office published a circular governing the appointment of nurses. This order defined their duties, as well as specified their pay and privileges. A slight salary increase to $40.00 a month for duty in the United States, and $50.00 a month for oversea's service, accompanied the prescription of a white uniform set off with a distinctive collar badge. Two years later these "ladies in white" were officially incorporated into the United States Army as the Nurse Corps. For the first time in history, women received status within the nation's military structure.

These nurses kept busy in the early years of the hospital's existence along with the other staff members. After the war with Spain, and the end of hostility with Filipino forces, the pace slackened. By 1901, patient loads went down considerably, although some troops returning from the China expedition, which raised the famed fifty-five day siege of Peking, did required treatment in 1901. In that same year, the hospital received one of its most distinguished visitors, President William McKinley.

Preparations for these two factors paled when compared with the task the personnel faced after April 18, 1906. Many sick and injured came to the Presidio's medical facilities when civilian hospitals either toppled from the earthquake or were consumed by the ensuing fire. Lieutenant Colonel George H. Tornye, the senior medical officer in the area, responded in caring for the stricken population's medical and sanitation needs. His untiring efforts and those of his able staff prompted Secretary of War Newton Baker to laud the facility as "the finest hospital in the country."

Whatever the title, this facility and its dedicated military and civilian workers have always performed when called upon in both peace as well as in war. Letterman's stature grew to the extent that it was the largest military hospital just prior to World War I. In that conflict Colonel Guy L. Edie, President Taft's personal physician, commanded. Some 18,000 admissions were logged in during the height of U.S. involvement from 1917 to 1918. Many of these individuals were orthopedic or neuropsychiatric patients, since Letterman was designated as a specialty center in these areas. An Army School of Nursing was also established here in 1918 to meet the demand for trained military nurses. All these elements combined to prompt one newspaper to report, "The fame of Letterman General Hospital has stretched to the four corners of the nation and to foreign lands . . . and as a hospital (it) stands as the monarch of them all."

The peacetime years of the 1920's and 1930's brought even more recognition for Letterman. For instance, in 1924 its first Intern Training Program came into being. An Outpatient Service also appeared at approximately the same time. During these decades some authorities even sought to turn the entire Presidio over to the exclusive use of military medicine, and relocate all the other commands headquartered here!

By 1911 a new name became associated with the complex. In that year the former "U.S. Army General Hospital, Presidio," became known as Letterman General Hospital in honor of Major Jonathan Letterman, father of the Ambulance Corps and Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. This title would remain until slightly altered in July of 1950 to "Letterman Army Hospital."

When World War II erupted, such thoughts disappeared. Letterman prepared for its greatest efforts to that point in time and grew by leaps and bounds. As the Pacific campaigns mounted, so did casualties. As a result, Letterman evolved into the largest debarkation hospital of the War, admitting a record 1,862 patients in one 24-hour period as an example of the awesome tasks which engrossed the staff from 1941-1945.

Peace reduced the patient flow considerably, and a return to less hectic times resulted. The lull proved short-lived, however, since the first casualty from Korea arrived on July 26, 1950. Soon the hospital

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The first Letterman facility **was a "pavillion" style hospital with long open wards, as indicated by this 1902 photograph.**

Nurses used Thompson Hall as their quarters **in the hospital's early years. A 1936 photograph depicts the typical furnishing of these one room apartments.**

Lettermen's doctors took time **out from their rounds to pose for this 1902 portrait. Chief Surgeon A.C. Girard sports a stylish beard unlike his junior officers. Although discouraged, this practice was not prohibited in the "old army."**

Service

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expanded its services to 1500 beds. By 1953, the rambling old complex again experienced a period of relative quiet. Turmoil in Southeast Asia would once more upset the calm, but not until ground breaking took place on December 15, 1965 for a modern, ten-story structure to replace the old buildings. Four years later, on February 14, 1969, the impressive high-rise was dedicated, and by 1973 became known by its present title of Letterman Army Medical Center.

Today, after more than three-quarters of a century, Letterman's staff continues in a proud tradition of service. This facility benefits both the military and civilian community alike, and stands ready as in times past .

Letterman's ambulance drivers **found little ideal time for taking pictures during WWII since thousands of casualties poured into the Bay Area from the Pacific**

Parents should provide safety to a child

THE YEAR OF THE CHILD IS NOW. In keeping with this concept, the Pediatric Clinic, Letterman Army Medical Center, is proclaiming the month of May as Accident Prevention Month. The following article will point out ways and means of preventing accidents in children.

Accidents are the number one cause of death and disability in children and should be a major concern of every parent. For children ages 1 to 4 years,37%of all deaths are caused by accidents. Of these, 34% die in motor vehicles;19%die in fires or of burns; 16% die by drowning 6%die in falls; and6%die from poisons. For children 5-14 years of age46%of all deaths are due to accidents. Of these,47%die in motor vehicle accidents; 21%by drowning; and11%die in fire or of burns. For babies under one year who were born healthy, accidental death is 1 of 2 major causes of death. These figures denote the importance of accident prevention. Children are the prime victims of accidents for a variety of reasons. Lack of knowledge, a hazardous environment and individual behavior, are responsible for most accidents. To best protect your child: (1) be as knowledgable as possible of the different stage of childgrowth and development,(2) by making your home safe, remove potential hazards, (3) by knowledge of highway safety and effective protection of your child in the automobile.

Research findings demonstrate that while some accidents just "happen" and seem unavoidable, simple everyday events and troubles in the family life often set the stage for many others.

Many mythical concepts beset us in dealing with accident prevention:

1. It can't happen to us.
2. Education will solve the problem. Just hand out a booklet stating the facts - and people will do the rest.
3. Accidents will happen; they cannot be prevented.
4. Social and psychogenic factors are unimportant. Research findings have disproved this statement.

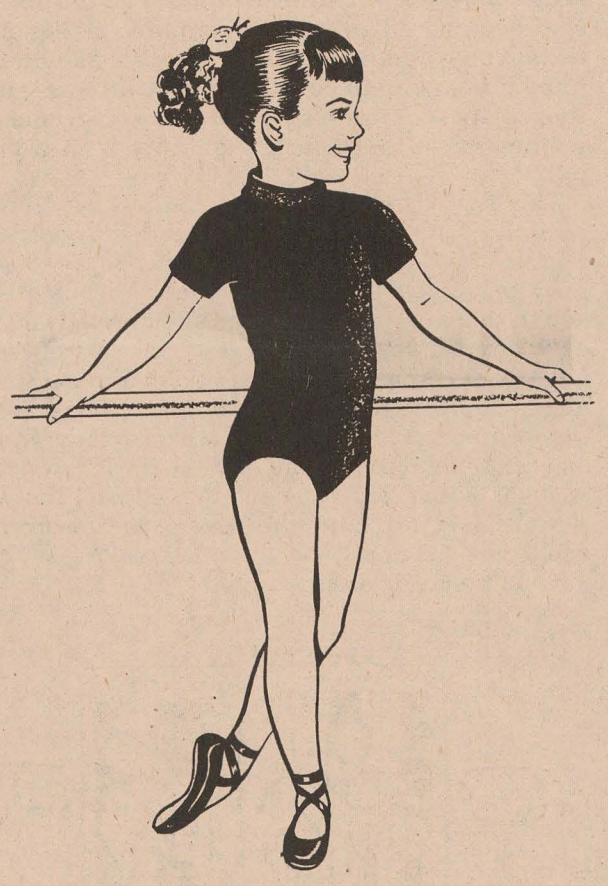
Many accidents appear to be triggered by a chain of incidents, not by just a single incident. Seemingly, certain ordinary conditions or problems, set the stage for the majority of accidents. For example; a child who is hungry or overly tired, a parent who is overly tired, or dealing with a minor family "crisis, "and everyday family illnesses. Small troubles and irritations appear to pile up until the caretaker (father, mother, babysitter, etc.) is extremely worried or so tired that he hasn't the energy to take the usual preventions. A cup of steaming coffee is left on the table, forgotten; medicine is left on the bedside stand, all safety belts are not fastened correctly in the car, in haste to reach an appointment on time.

These are a few of the hazards, in the home and automobile, but it is not always these "ordinary" hazards that alone are responsible for the majority of accidents to children.

Being aware of these conditions and attempting to avoid them will increase the safety of your children. Remember, - one factor might not cause an accident to your child, but a combination of factors, together increase the chances twofold.

Many times a chain of events, places an extra burden or stress on the family preceding a relaxation of their precautions and therefore increasing the possibility of an accident.

Research has demonstrated that the following list of situations/conditions most often precipitate accidents in children.



ACCIDENTS OCCUR MOST FREQUENTLY:

1. When a babysitter (etc.) is unfamiliar with your child or is inappropriately trained to care for him.
2. In unfamiliar surroundings; i.e., you have moved to a new house, or are on vacation.
3. When there is stress/crisis between the parents/family.
4. When the family is in a hurry, stressing to meet a "deadline."
5. When parents are not aware of their child's level of development and overestimate his ability to "take care of himself."
6. When a child is considered "accident prone;" he often learns to fit the role.
7. When mom or dad is ill.
8. When a child is hungry or tired.

Keep the following numbers next to your telephone: (1) Pediatric Clinic, (2) Poison Control Center, (3) Police and Fire emergency numbers. Attempt to control yourself and not panic (difficult to do when "your child" is hurt or injured). Anxiety of the parent is easily conveyed to the child, and your child may panic too. Be calm and reassuring to assist your child in controlling his fear. If you are unsure of what to do, don't do anything; immediately call your clinic or emergency room.

The following quiz could save your child's life.

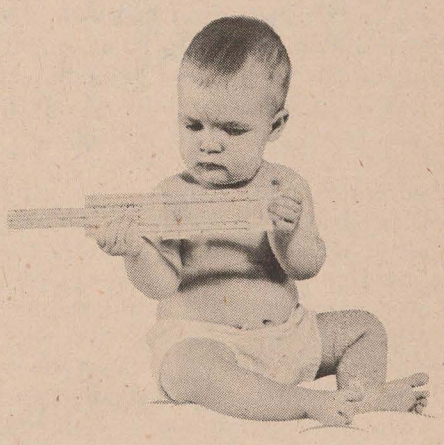
1. Are you aware of potential hazards in your home? Do a safety check, look and pose the question - if I were a child what might I find interesting or enticing?
2. Attempt to understand your child's needs at each stage of his growth and development. If you can, anticipate what he'll be able to do next.
3. Keep electrical cords in good condition.
4. Put dummy plugs into unused electrical outlets.
5. Lock or latch doors that lead to danger for a toddler.
6. Screen or bar high windows to keep children from falling.
7. Anchor area rugs so they won't slip.
8. Fit stairs with handrails and treads.
9. Light stairwells adequately .
10. Have gates at stairway to keep baby or toddler from falling.
11. Keep potential poisons and flammable substances locked away from young children.
12. Safety check your child's bicycle.
13. Make sure the baby's toys are too big to swallow.
14. Keep tiny things - buttons, pins, tacks, etc. - away from infants and toddlers.
15. Store knives and scissors well out of reach of children of all ages.
16. Stay with your preschool child when he is in the bathtub or wading pool.
17. Have smoke alarms installed in your home and a fire escape plan.

Important telephone numbers: Ped. Clinic LAMC - 561-2447, Emerg. Room LAMC - 561-3166, Poison Control - 666-2845

Do you:

1. Lock up firearms?
2. Use flame resistant fabrics in your home furnishings?
3. Dispose of any combustible litter in your attic or basement?

By asking yourself these questions and taking appropriate action when necessary, you can protect your child from the type of accidents that caused thousands of injuries to children in the last year.



Arthritis foundation

The Arthritis Foundation of Northern California will present a program in conjunction with "Arthritis Week" from May 7 to 11. The series will be a free education program.

Opening ceremonies will be held on May 7 at Schwartz theatre, LAMC.

All are invited to attend. Special parking will be provided for the handicapped. For further information contact Judith Collins, ext. 4555.

Law day proclaimed

The Congress of the United States and the President by Official Proclamation, have designated May 1 as Law Day USA, a special day to be observed by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and independence and as an occasion for rededication to the ideals of justice and equality under the law.

In this period oftesting of our democratic institutions and changing conditions the American people can help to strengthen our laws and secure the individual rights of all citizens by fulfilling their responsibilities to see to it that our laws are just and fairly administered. It is the objective of Law Day to encourage citizen support of law observance and law enforcement, to advance equality and justice under law, and to foster respect for law and understanding of its essential place in the life of every citizen of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colonel John D. Hamilton, Commander, Presidio of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 1, 1979 as the day on which the citizens of the Presidio will observe Law Day USA and urge all the members of our military community to: (1) observe this special day with appropriate ceremonies and recognition; (2) rededicate themselves to the principles of democracy; (3) renew their respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life; and (4) support our state and federal courts of law which uphold and safeguard individual rights and liberties.

Dated at the Presidio of San Francisco, this 18th day of April 1979.

JOHN D. HAMILTON
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

Law Day USA has been established on May 1 of every year by joint resolution of Congress and the President, not as a day to be set aside for lawyers, but designated to encourage all persons to consider the important role of law in our country.

When first observed in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted: "It is fitting that the American people should remember with pride and vigilently guard the great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law . . . It is our moral and civic obligation as free men and as Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage."

The United States, through its citizens, pauses once each year to reflect on our legal heritage and the role of law in an everchanging society.

The theme selected in recognition of the 22nd annual observance of Law Day USA is "Our Changing Rights." All citizens are reminded on this special occasion of the rights they hold under the US Constitution and Bill of Rights: the right of free speech, assembly, and the press; freedom of religion; the right to legal counsel and a prompt trial; freedom from arbitrary search and arrest; the right to equal protection of the laws. Each citizen must know these rights and the corresponding responsibilities that go with them in order to fully appreciate and understand our heritage of individual freedom under the law. With ones rights as a US citizen go individual duties which all persons share. These responsibilities include: the duty to be informed on issues of government and community affairs; the duty to support and encourage efforts to update and modernize our courts; the duty tdo vote in elections; the duty to obey, respect and uphold the law; the duty to support agencies of law enforcement; the duty to respect the rights of others; and the duty to practice and teach principles of good citizenship in ones home.

The observance of Law Day serves to dramatize the values of living under a system of laws that protect individual rights and make possible a free society. Though Law Day occupies only one day on the calendar, its observance reminds us all the principles of individual freedoms must be respected, advanced and sustained by every citizen every day of the year. Members of the Armed Forces are especially aware that our present freedoms were not achieved cheaply and understand the effort and sacrifice required to insure their continued existence.

The pride and respect of the American citizen for individual freedoms were expressed by Charles S. Rhyne, past president of the American Bar Association, who observed at the first Law Day: "Today, after 350 years, the greatest strength of American lies in this concept of individual liberty under law. Other systems of government have produced great scientists, great musicians, and other outstanding achievements. But no system has produced the individual freedom which exists in America . . . "

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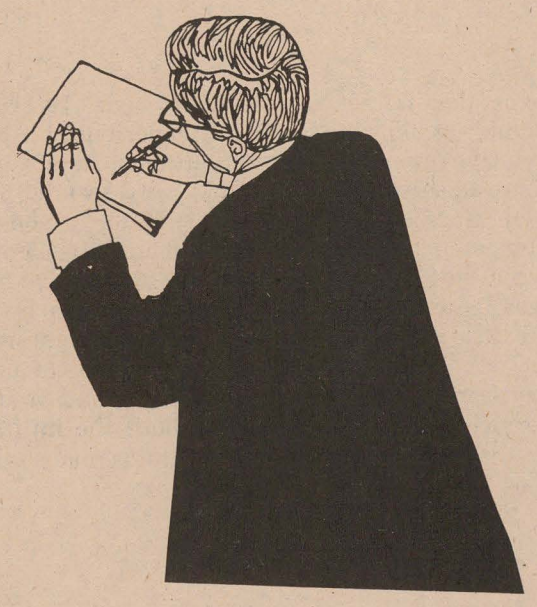
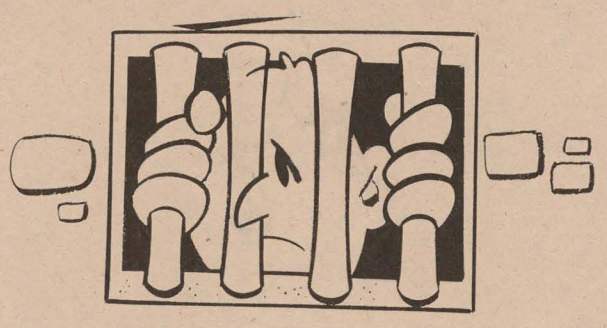
The theme for Law Day 1979 is "Our Changing Rights." This theme dramatizes the upheaval of concern over the subject of individual rights and freedoms that have occured within the past two decades and the struggles and dilemmas that have often ensued in legal arenas over competing rights and freedoms. The list of controversies has covered such widely diversified areas as civil rights, consumer rights, the right to die with dignity, the rights of the unborn, the right to privacy, servicemember's rights, and even the rights of non-smokers. None of these alleged rights exist in a vacuum. Virtually every call for rights by a particular individual or group evokes countervailing arguments by those contending that their rights are being threatened. The following cases graphically illustrate two such dilemmas created by the rights revolution in America today.



Case no.. 1: Three qualified individuals apply for a single middle level opening with a company - a newly hired black man, an experienced white male seeking a promotion, and a woman with a Spanish surname currently employed in an unrelated type of business. The black feels he is qualified and would have more experience had the company hired more blacks earlier. The white feels he has worked hard for the promotion and sees no reason why the job should go to someone else because of previous company hiring practices. The woman feels she is qualified since company management continues to be unrepresentative of the community as a whole in regard to women and the Spanish speaking. Who gets the job?

This case demonstrates the tension between the rights of women and ethnic groups to affirmative action and the right of white males to not pay for the past practices of society. This is a bitterly debated issue, and the days of simple selection among applicants are over. The complex criteria for resolving such questions might involve the numbers of minorities and women already working for the company, what the job level of the opening is, the past record of the company, Federal and State regulations, and any existing court orders. And, no matter which candidate is chosen, that decision can lead to a lawsuit if either of the unsuccessful applicants believes that the effect of the selection method used was discriminatory.



Case no. 2: An elderly man is assaulted one night by two men as he is standing on a street corner waiting for a bus. His wallet, containing about $30, is stolen. He flags down a passing police squad car a few minutes later, but since it was dark at the time of the crime, the description that he is able to give of his assailants is vague. He did notice, though, that one man had a beard and was wearing a sheepskin jacket. Shortly thereafter, a man answering that description is spotted by the police running down the sidewalk of a nearby street. The police stop and frisk him, discovering that he had $15 in a pocket. The man tells the police he was out jogging, but they arrest him and later charge him with assault, battery and theft. At the station he is fingerprinted, photographed and questioned extensively about his background. He is never convicted because the officers failed to warn him of his rights to remain silent and to request an attorney. Nevertheless, his arrest record is kept in the police files. The man wants the arrest record to be destroyed. He contends he is innocent and that his right of privacy is being violated by the police keeping the record. The police department contends that the state law allows them to keep such record, and they wish to do so for "administrative" reasons. Who is right?

This case demonstrates the tension between the right to privacy and need of the government to maintain records. The privacy right also must contend with the needs of business to keep records or with the right of the public to have access to information. The government needs records to help in long range planning, for taxation, for welfare and for criminal investigation. Business needs financial and personal information about individuals in order to grant credit, to issue insurance, and to hire personnel. The press increasingly needs information to help maintain an informed society where the complexities of modern life easily camouflage governmental intrigue and excesses, business fraud, and criminal activity and identity. Against this barrage of powerful interests the individual citizen is armed with several laws to protect himself from improper privacy intrusions. The Constitution, the common law, the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, state constitutions, and the Bank Secrecy Act, are available to assist the private citizen. Nonetheless, for every provision recognizing the individual's right to privacy or to control information about himself, there is a matching legal tool for the government, business and the press to assist them in collecting and maintaining the information that is vital to their work. Conflicts are inevitable.

The existing struggle between conflicting rights may create controversy but rarely results in chaos. In fact, the reverse is true. The resolution of the type of disputes noted above through the American legal process usually sows the seeds for the changing rights which become embodied in our laws and legal system. It is important to note, however, that courts and the judicial branch have limitations in resolving and curing every problem involving these important issues.

Shirley M. Hufstedler, a federal judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Apopeals in Los Angeles, wrote recently: "Americans have expectations about what courts can do that cannot be fulfilled. Courts are primarily deciders, not supervisors or social problem solvers. Judges know, for instance, that when they decide that a school system must be integrated, they are not 'solving' racial hatreds; when judges grant divorces, they are not 'solving' matrimonial problems. Evils do not vanish with the wave of a court decree." Thus, the American legal system is no panacea for underlying social problems that affect individual rights. However, law is the intangible force that makes freedom possible and the search for equal justice achievable, and, in this regard, every citizen has a personal responsibility to promote the ideals of equality and justice.

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News notes

Secretaries week

Secretaries' Week, observed during April 22 - 28 this year, acknowledges the important contribution and vital role of secretaries in government, business, industry, education and the professions.

Demands placed on today's secretaries require proficient office skills and overall efficiency. Not too long ago, the negligence of a secretary caused the death of a notorious revolutionary, Ernesto Che Guevara, Fidel Castro's right-hand man. A secretary left incriminating papers in her jeep near Che's hideout in the Bolivian jungle. The blunder cost not only Che's life but hers also.

Closer to home, secretaries play a significant role in safeguarding government classified information and important business documents. It is estimated the $4 billion a year is spent on the sordid business of espionage and trade-secret theft, and a good secretary often has the capability of thwarting such violations of security.

Secretaries should be especially appreciated because they are an endangered species. Although an average of 500,000 women enter the labor force each year, many are choosing jobs other than the traditional secretary and office worker. As a result, some occupational fields are glutted, but there is always a demand for a good secretary. By 1985, the shortage is expected to grow to as many as 3,000,000 positions within office service areas alone.

It has been pointed out that a good secretary is harder to replace than a good executive. Years of work experience are harder to duplicate than four, five or six years of academic training. According to one analyst, the increasing shortage of secretaries will "produce the most acute threat to American business and the economy since the shortages in the employment population produced by World War II."

Showing appreciation for a good secretary obviously makes sense.

Cinco de Mayo

The Presidio has been invited to participate in the annual Cinco de Mayo parade sponsored by The Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation, Inc. The Sixth Army Band, a Presidio Color Guard, and a Float with the theme of "Three flags over Presidio" will participate in the parade. Volunteers are needed to help build the float. Interested personnel should contact CPT Gonzalez (extension 2722) or CPT Mondragon (extension 3952.)

Wives club

The Letterman Women's Club cordially invites you to **Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!**

The Mexican Fiesta will include a delicious buffet of Mexican delicacies, the installation of new board members, announcement of the Woman of the Year Award, and an enjoyable evening of dancing to the Mariachi Band.

The fiesta will be held Saturday, May 5, at the Presidio Officer's Club. Cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. and buffet will be served at 7:45 p.m. Cost is $9.00 per person.

Hostesses for the dinner will be from the department of Pediatrics.

Make your reservations no later than Thursday, May 3, by calling Judy Cannon in San Francisco (561-4621) or Gail Beatrice in Marin (472-2996).

Toastmistress

Are you at a loss for words when you have to make a few comments in public?

When applying for a promotion opportunity, do you hesitate or retreat when you are required to state your experience in oral abilities or expression?

If your answer was "Yes," to any of the above, why not consider joining the members of the Presidiannes' Toastmistress Club as an observer or guest at one of their bimonthly luncheon meetings held at the NCO Club, Bldg. 135. You will be exposed to the latest in verbal techniques, provocative conversation and new friends. You may combine your lunch hour with an excused hour of CPO Training authorized by the Post Commander.

The Presidiannes meet at noon every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th. Both men and women are welcome.

Low cost hot entrees, soup 'n salad, and beverages are available. Plan on arriving early enough to go through the line in time to be seated by the opening of the meeting.

For more information, call Fran Seitz, 561-5775.

Seminar

Seminar dates for the next required course in the University of Northern Colorado Masters degree program are the weekends of May 18-20 and June 1-3.

The course is titled **Seminar in Issues and Trends in Health Care** and is designed to prepare the student with current problems dealing with medical expense; health care expenses; and state, federal, and foundation agencies equipped to deal with such concerns. Rising costs, both legitimate and fraudulent, as well as proper vs. improper health care will be included.

The last registration date for this course is May 7.

If you are at all interested in a Masters degree in the Health Care field, you owe it to yourself to inquire about the unique program being offered by the University of Northern Colorado. All classes are held on the weekends on Treasure Island for minimum interference with work schedules. This program is open to active duty military, dependents, and DOD employees.

For more information call the UNC Coordinator, Susan Bier, at 397-1079 (Treasure Island), 561-3693 (Letterman, Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.), or 562-2626 (Oak Knoll, Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.).

Post library

Periodically it is necessary for libraries to query their public to ascertain what services are needed to fulfill their library needs.

The Post Library System is currently conducting a survey. The deadline date for this survey has been extended to May 7. The questionnaire is available to active and retired military and their eligible dependents, Reserve Components, and civilians working at the Presidio.

Questionnaires can be obtained at the Main Post Library, Bldg. 386 or the Letterman Branch Library, Bldg. 1100, Room 104. For further information please call the Post Library, ext. 561-3448 or the LAMC Branch, Ext. 561-2900.

Please obtain a questionnaire and let the library staff know what we can do to fulfill your library needs. Remember that the deadline date of May 7.

FWP

The Federal Women's Program is sponsoring a brown bag lunch time training seminar in which a 90 minute film titled **"What You Are Is What You Were When"** will be shown. The film, by Dr. Morris Massey of the University of Colorado, will be presented at the Presidio Audio Visual Center Bldg 603 on May 15 and 17 and will begin at noon. Attendance at the seminar will be counted as training time.

The Interpersonal Effectiveness training course which was originally scheduled for May 3 and 4 has been rescheduled for May 18 and 22. For more information please call CPO, T&D branch, ext. 2554/4285.

Tuition Assistance

A complete revision of AR 621-5, dated March 15, 1979 now prohibits use of 75% Army Tuition Assistance for the following: (1)courses beyond the Masters Degree, (2) courses leading to a degree at the same level already achieved, (3) commissioned officers pursuing graduate programs who have GI Bill entitlement, unless the degree is validated by the Army Educational Requirement Board. Personnel are also reminded that applications for tuition assistance must be completed at least three working days prior to beginning of the school term. Further information is available from the Education Centers at Fort Scott (x2974) or LAMC (x4040).

Restaurant trip

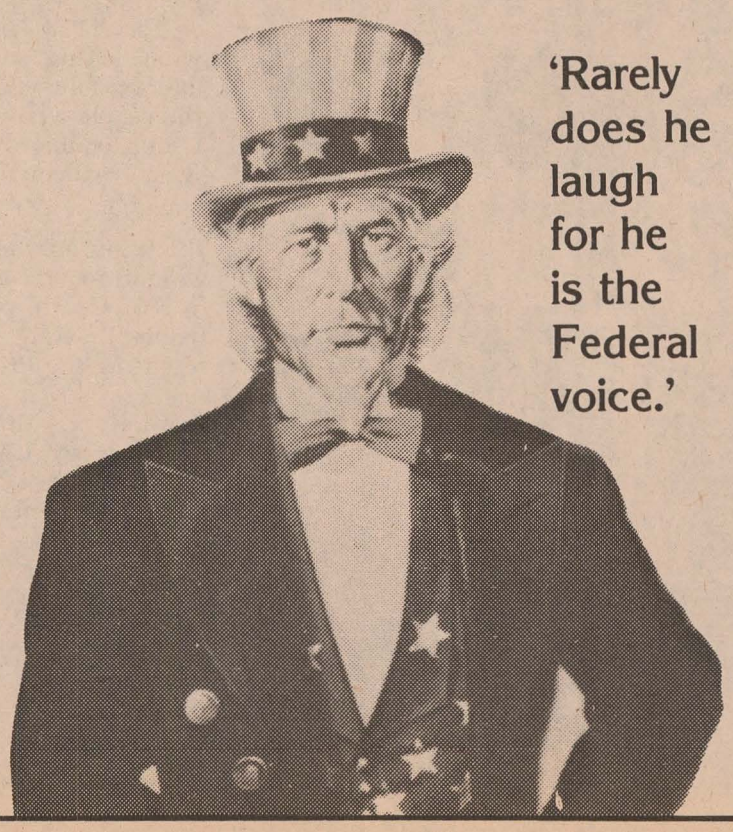
A trip is planned to "El Cabrito" a renowned Mexican restaurant in the Mission district. Group discount is offered to those persons desiring a noon meal on 3 May 79. This is an excellent opportunity to sample the culinary delights of another culture at a very reasonable price. Free transportation will be provided. If you can't make that one, visit your local mess hall and enjoy.

Uncle Sam Looks Out Sternly at the World

The individual who best represents the United States to the rest of the world has appeared in more U.S. and foreign publications than any other American, past or present. That individual is "Uncle Sam," and while alive, he was not famous for anything that he did—only for his name.

Uncle Sam was born Samuel Wilson. He and his brother advertised in the early 1800s that they could butcher and pack 150 head of cattle each day. The firm, known as E. & S. Wilson, eventually went to work for the U.S. Government during the War of 1812. To insure that his firm received proper credit for shipments of meat, Sam Wilson began marking the casks of beef with the initials, "U.S."

Eventually, U.S. and Uncle Sam became synonymous with the federal government.



'Rarely does he laugh for he is the Federal voice.'

Uncle Sam has performed yeoman service for the U.S. Armed Forces. After the famous "I Want You" poster was painted by artist James Montgomery Flagg, some 4,000,000 copies of the work were issued in World War I and another 400,000 in World War II.

Uncle Sam's fortunes have risen and fallen with the lot of the United States. At one time, particularly south of the U.S. border, Uncle Sam was known as Uncle Shylock. To others, he was known as Uncle Sap, or Uncle Sugar. In more recent times, depending on the newspaper's or magazine's editorial point of view, he is a ludicrous character and sometimes a sinister one.

As Harvard historian Crane Brinton says of Sam, "The figure of Uncle Sam is now no more than a symbol . . . into which lover or hater can pour his feelings."

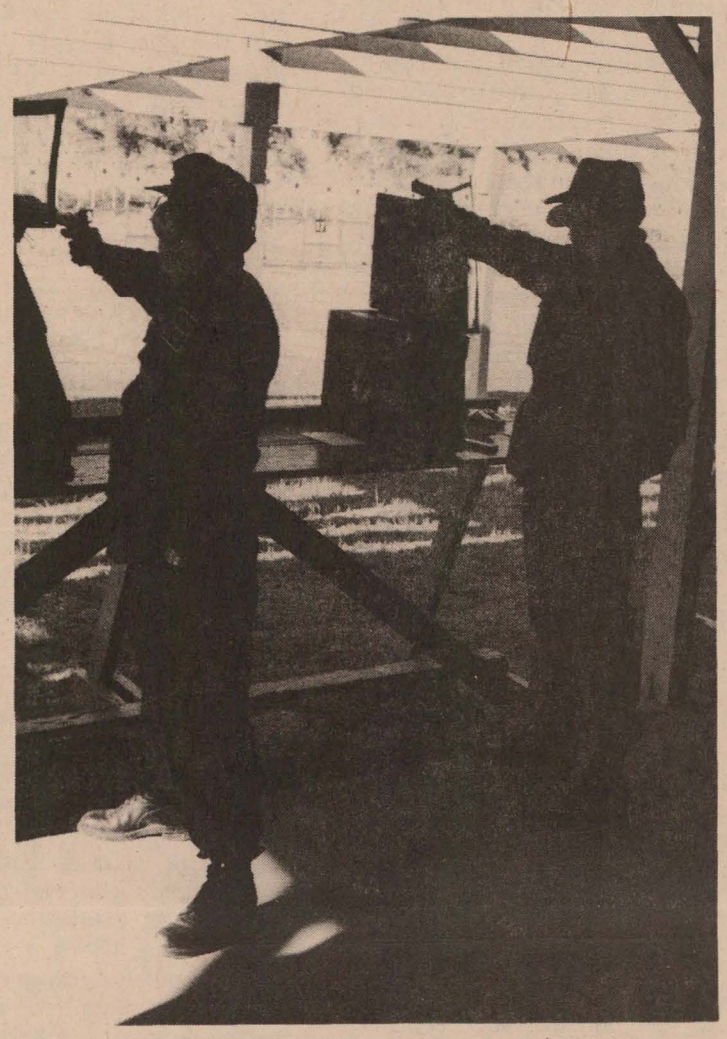
One writer observed that "the figure of Uncle Sam is the most over-worked of all. Each day he looks sternly out at the world from his place on the editorial page, and views with alarm, warns, dictates with pontifical fervor. Rarely does he laugh, for he is the Federal voice."

Uncle Sam has been around for more than a century and a half. Perhaps he doesn't see much to laugh about. Besides, who would recognize a smiling Uncle Sam?

Marksmen compete at Ft. Ord

During the week of April 9 thru 13, The FORSCOM Western Regional Pistol Championship was held at the Ft. Ord, CA pistol and rifle ranges.

The Presidio was represented by Major Nathan Miller, DPTSEC, Captain Larry Jinkins, D, Co. 864th Engrs., SFC Tom Kailer, 6th Army Band and SSgt. Jimmy Brasher, 163rd MP Co. The team placed well in the overall competition, in fact, Kailer took third place in the overall matches at the regionals.



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ARMED FORCES CAGERS - WESTERN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
Kneeling (L to R): Lt. Gary Winton (Army, AMN Charles Booker (Air Force), A1C George Hester (Air Force), Sp4 Larry Rogers (Army), PFC Harold Fox (Army), Sp4 James King (Army). Standing (L to R): CTA Lee Foye (Navy), SGT Ronald Brown (Air Force), CT Tom Schneeberger (Air Force), Sp4 Pierre Russell (Army), CPL Keith Willis (Marines), Sp4 Larry Warren (Army).

Vietnam

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There have been 46,616 deaths from actions by hostile forces in connection with the conflict in Vietnam. About 10,000 other deaths were associated with the war.

There are 612 persons still listed as missing in action.

Unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted, for Vietnam Era Veterans reached a maximum of 11 percent in February 1975. The February 1979 rate was 6.5 percent for Veterans age 20-34 and 5.6 percent for those 25-34.

In February 1979 there were more than 53,000 Vietnam Era Veterans receiving Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Personnel (UC) Benefits. One year earlier, there were almost 65,000 receiving UC.

The median personal money income of civilian male non-institutional Vietnam Era Veterans, age 20-34, during 1977 was $12,000. The median income of families headed by Vietnam Era Veterans was $17,390. This was about 10 percent above their non-veteran peers.

Vietnam Era Veterans accounted for 13 percent of patients in VA Medical Centers on October 4, 1978. They account for 19.2 percent of all psychotic patients and 19.8 percent of all other psychiatric patients, and for 7.8 percent of all general medical and surgical patients.

There were almost 3.5 million outpatient visits by Vietnam Era Veterans during 1978. This was 20 percent of the total.

There were almost 633,000 active compensation and pension cases concerning Vietnam Era Veterans as of February 1979. Of these cases, 540,000 were for disability and 93,000 were for death. There are 184,000 beneficiaries receiving VA benefits from cases of deceased veterans.

Of the 30,000 active compensation cases rated at 100 percent disability, some 19,000 are for psychiatric and neurological disorders.

The average age of Vietnam Era Veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disabilities is 35.7 years.

As of February 1979 applications had been received from 7.9 million Vietnam Era Veterans and service personnel for GI Bill education and training. Of these, 5.98 million had entered training.

There were 740,000 Vietnam Era Veterans and service personnel in actual training on February 28, 1979. Of these, 565,000 were in institutions of higher learning, 49,000 in on-the-job training and 126,000 in other schools.

Through September 1978 more than 1.79 million guaranteed or insured home loans totaling more than $47 billion have been made to Vietnam Era Veterans.

In 1978, minority veterans obtained 15 percent of the total veteran population.

About 19,000 direct loans, amounting to nearly $328 million, have been made to qualifying veterans and service personnel of the Vietnam Era.

Expenditures during FY 1978 in connection with the Vietnam Era are estimated to be more than $5.9 billion. This includes compensation, pension, readjustment/education benefits, medical care, loan guarantee fund expenditures, and other costs.

Cumulative expenditures to date are estimated to total about $40 billion.

Sports Shorts

Another tennis weekend has been set up for members of the Presidio Tennis Club.

The weekend will kick off with a short membership meeting to be held at the Religious Activities Center on May 11 at 6:15 p.m. From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. a wine tasting party will be conducted, with a disco dance to follow. The party is for the purpose of meeting the people who will be competing during the coming tennis doubles weekend. For further info. contact Ralph Crukshank, ext. 3309.

The top four men and women keglers of the Presidio, winners in a recent Post Bowling Roll-off, will journey to Fort Ord to compete in the FORSCOM Western Region Bowling Tournament, April 30 - May 4. Representing the Presidio will be:

MEN'S TEAM

Ron Ealy, LAMC	209
Tony LeCroy, LAMC	208
Melvin Clifford, SFRO C1/SIGSEC	203
Donald Carpenter, USACC	196

WOMEN'S TEAM

Joni Wheeler, INSCOM	156
Cora Seats, WRRC	154
Joan Farrelly, WRRC	154
Pauline Chandler, LAMC	153

Every member of the team will be shooting for the top prize, a possible selection to the All-Army Bowling Trials, scheduled for May 12 - 17.

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Soldados settle down to a new way of life

Riding at the head of twenty-five horsemen, Captain Fernando Rivera Y Moncada, commanded the first colonizing element to reach **Alta** California. He and his men arrived in present day San Diego in the spring of 1769, where they waited for the remainder of the expedition, including Don Gaspar de Portola and the Father President of the missions, Junipero Serra.

While these leaders achieved fame, what of those forgotten names who accompanied Rivera, Portola and Serra? These were the hard riding **soldados de cuera**, the native Spanish colonial dragoons who helped settle California from the late 1760s until 1822. These troops took their name from the heavy leather jerkins they wore. Weighing some eighteen pounds, and reaching almost a yard from shoulder to knee, this ingenious form of armor represented a mixture of an ancient European garment and a similar cotton quilted outfit of the Aztecs called **ichcipilli**.

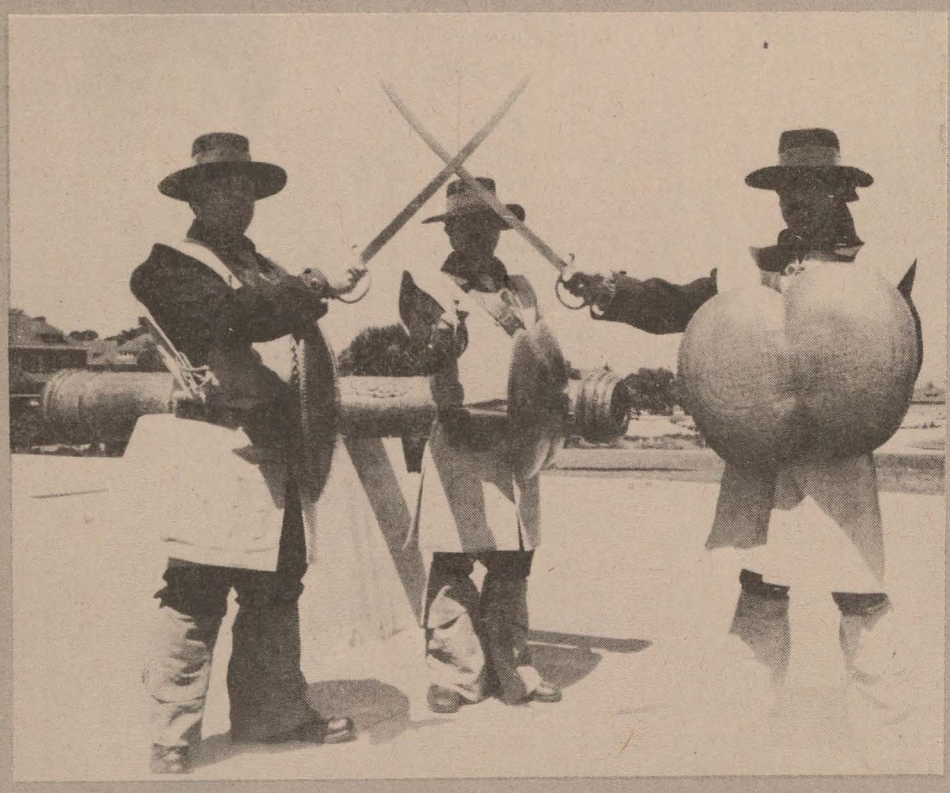
No doubt the best physical description of this protective device is in the diary of Miguel Costanso, a young Spanish engineer who observed their protective wear. He stated that the **cuera** (leather) "whose shape is that of a coat without sleeves, is made of seven plies of white tanned deerskin, proof against arrows of the Indians except at a very short range."

Writing further, Costanso noted that the **adarga**, the heartshaped shield "made of two plies of raw bullhide is carried on the left arm and with it they can turn aside spears and arrows, the rider not only defending himself, but also his horse." He added that, "in addition they use a short leather apron, called **armas** or **defensas**, which, fastened to the pommel of the saddle, hangs down both sides covering the thighs and the legs."

For weapons the **soldados** carried a musket fastened in a deerskin case, a broadsword (the **espada ancha**), and on occasion a brace of muzzle-loading **pistolas**. They also wielded the ever present lance, which they handle adroitly on horseback," according to Costanso. The lance continued in service well into the nineteenth century, the descendents of the early **soldados** wielding this weapon as expertly as their ancestors.

Regulations

These arms and leather goods essentially followed the Royal Regulations of 1772, which, in addition to the various pieces of equipment mentioned earlier, called for a "short jacket of blue woolen cloth, with small cuffs, and a red collar, breeches of blue, a cloth cap of the same color, a black neckerchief, hat, shoes and leggings." The same regulations prescribed a bandoleer of antelope hide with the name of the presidio embroidered upon it and also specified a cartridge box. Some problems in early design of these cartridge carriers prompted the governor of the Californias to prescribe a special new model for his territory.



Sp4 Mario Delgadillo, 6th Army, **Pfc Anthony Martinez, 51st Engrs., and Sp5 Richard Pacheco, 51st Engrs. recreate the soldados.**

The soldiers were required to maintain all their issuance in good order. Further, the regulations called for a **remuda** of six serviceable horses, one colt, and one mule for each trooper. One of these was expected to be saddled and ready at all times in the event of a surprise attack, but this extravagant plan was seldom realized. Regarding the saddle itself, the **Reglamento** specified a **"vaquero** style, with the corresponding covers, called **mochila**, saddle pad, leather leg guards, front mounted saddelbags, and enclosed wooden stirrups."

Equipped with 160 pounds of weapons and protective gear, the **soldados** seemed ready to take on any foe. Indeed, they were capable of a good fight. According to Archibald Menzies, an English botanist who accompanied George Vancouver in the 1790s, the lancers were "generally stout men capable of bearing great fatigue, and without any exaggeration the most dexterous and nimble horsemen we ever saw."

Even the most expert equestrian or the most meticulous trooper, however, could not keep his original issuance in repair indefinitely. Since supply methods to the California outposts seldom worked according to plan, new military material arrived all too infrequently as replacement for worn-out items. Supposedly, regular shipments arrived by sea from the port of San Blas on Mexico's west coast. All too often storms or financial difficulties made this impossible. A land route proposed by noted frontiersman Juan Bautista de Anza failed to come into permanent operation, thereby cutting off this source of goods. So it was that the soldiers and their families traded with foreign vessels landing along their shore even though Spanish law strictly forbade such practice.

If keeping these outposts supplied caused problems, imposing traditional European discipline and drill of the era on frontier troops presented an equally knotty undertaking. Nevertheless, while the soldiers may have been considered unconventional by the standards of the day, these men proved themselves a capable fighting force, well adapted to the conditions of their region.

Moreover, understrength, poorly paid garrisons could ill afford the niceties of the parade field, since numerous duties kept the soldiers active. In addition to staffing the four presidios of Upper California, the men served as guards for missionary activities along the coast. For instance, from four to six **soldados** garrisoned most of California's missions, normally under the direction of a corporal.

Although only a noncommissioned officer, the **cabo** (corporal) assumed considerable repsonsibility. He held criminal jurisdiction and could mete out punishment such as lashes or the stocks. In serious situations the corporal made preliminary examinations, and sent the defendent on to the presidio for further judgment, when his findings indicated such a move to be appropriate.

Top Hat

Besides judicial matters, the corporal supervised the defense of the mission, when either an external or internal threat arose. He saw to it that the soldiers under his charge kept watch by day and night, personally checking each new relief and standing as sentinel himself, if the size of the detachment numbered less than five. The changing of watches followed a routine. One man took station at six o'clock in the morning until noon, and was replaced at that time by a second sentry who in turn remained on duty until six p.m. Then, a third soldier took over, standing guard for three hours. A replacement arrived every three hours thereafter until the next morning, when the cycle repeated itself.

The mission provided the contingent with rations of meat and grain for their services. Wives of the married soldiers prepared this food for their husbands, families, and the bachelors as well. Dependents dwelled in a cluster of nearby houses, while the troops, whether married or single, supposedly slept in a guar-

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Why is the active duty soldier treated as a second class citizen on this post?

Last Thursday, I sat in line for one hour to get gas. There was suppose to be a military line on the far end (bay side) and I was in line for that pump. Then, at the last minute, the manager changed his mind and put the military line on one of the middle pumps. Retirees were already sitting there, so the military had to wait longer.

I know for a fact that the manager "changed his mind" because a Captain had asked him around 10:15 which line would be military and the rest of the troops fell in on the Captain's car. I'm sure moving the sign at 10:59 must have really given the MP a headache, because he had to try and fit the military in line. It also seemed to anger the civilians/retirees/dependents who had been waiting in line for over one hour and who were told at the last minute that they would have to rejockey for position.

There was an officer there with IG brass and USA crests who said that he would ensure that the shell game with military line signs wouldn't happen again.

But this week it was worse than ever! There was no military line sign at all. We had to wait in line with all the people who had come at 9 or 10. This Major and I were parked all the way down by Building 1187! The MPs were forced to troop the line and ferret out the military in uniform and pull them forward one at a time. A very frustrating experience for all.

Why all this hassle? According to the MP on duty today, it's because the gas station manager can't decide which tank has the most gas in it. Well, what's so magical about 10:55? What revelation occurs at 10:55 that can't occur any earlier?

How 'bout this for a wild idea? As long as we've got two MPs on duty directing the flow of traffic anyway, why not have the military wait with everybody else, then have the MP's direct them to every fifth, or second available pump? At least we wouldn't have to worry about sitting in the wrong line only to discover our error too late.

I suppose the main reason why I'm so upset about waiting for gas so long is because, before coming to get gas, I waited in LAMC for over three hours just to get seen by an Sp5 in one of the specialty clinics for 15 minutes. At least at the gas station there is a military line.! This other GI and I sat in that hospital and got stiff necks watching all the retirees and dependents breeze in and out of a doctor's office. It was like old home week when I passed them all waiting in the gas line and I drove to the far end of the line.

What was the result of this waiting game? I was away from my office all morning. I wonder if I'll see any retirees or dependents on my way home this evening after I finally get caught up on that three hours of work I missed this morning?

What I really need to do is go over to the gym and take my frustrations out on the racketball court. Unfortunately, I can't get a court. Guess why. **Reservists** have the same priority as active duty for recreation services. They don't even have to wait for their drill weekend or evening.

While I recognize the importance of extending privileges to Reservists, retirees and dependents, I can't help but wonder when this post is going to extend some of the same privileges to me — at a time it is convenient for me and my active duty work schedule.

Maybe sometime while I have time to reflect on things — like maybe while I wait 45 min. to one hour for a shopping cart at the commissary — I'll be able to figure out just why in the hell I'm still in the Army.

Bewildered

EDITOR'S NOTE: I invite an explanation from any source about the problems that "Bewildered" has mentioned.

Dear Editor:

I realize that the workload for the Military Police Detachment on the Presidio must be very enormous. However, I do have one suggestion.

I know that the military police patrols ticket both drivers of vehicles that violate the current traffic regulations and ticket vehicles that are parked in other than properly designated areas. I have not noticed any patrols either advising pedestrians of violations or ticketing pedestrians that violate the traffic rules. A good example of this type of violation is the failure of pedestrians to use designated crosswalks on the Presidio.

I think the place this violation can most readily be observed is the area around the main post cafeteria. Several of the old crosswalks were "painted out" many months ago and new crosswalks were marked and designated. There have been very few times that I have been in this area that I have not noticed numerous people still crossing the "painted out" areas. On many of these occasions the military police have been right in the area and not once have I seen them advise people to use the proper crosswalk. At times during the rush periods you can see people crossing in three or four locations in the same area at one time.

This violation is not only dangerous to the pedestrians improperly using the crosswalks, or lack of using crosswalks, but is also a hazard to the vehicular traffic using this roadway. It seems that warning tickets should be issued for first offenses and then a citation for second and subsequent offenses.

Sincerely,
JAMES G. PAYTON, DAC
U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND
Presidio of San Francisco

MR. PAYTON: You have a point. What about the drivers who ignore crosswalks? They have become a problem, too!

Dear Editor:

In our office, we are ardent readers of the Star Presidian and find that it helps keep us abreast of what is happending on post.

At the present time, there is a good deal of concern among our office staff, both civilian and military, as to how some of us are going to be able to continue to come to work in view of the present fuel shortage.

Is it possible for the Star Presidian staff to do some investigative reporting as to how Presidio personnel are coping with the gas shortage. A few of the problems we are facing are:

1. The fact that we work during the day and are off when the stations are closed.
2. Efforts at car-pooling are foundering because of the fuel shortage.
3. We do not know what efforts are being made by municipal bus companies to fill the gap and provide adequate transportation.

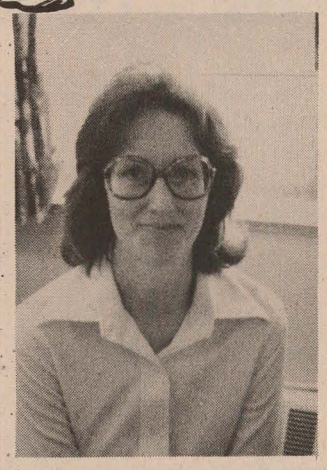
We realize that this could be a heavy article, quite different from the light and airy articles usually featured as the Star Presidian's main bill of fare but we do believe it would be informational and of great benefit to the civilian and military members of the Presidio work force.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I did Ramblin' Sam before your letter arrived, — what a coincidence! We'll see what we can do about your request. Thanks for writing.

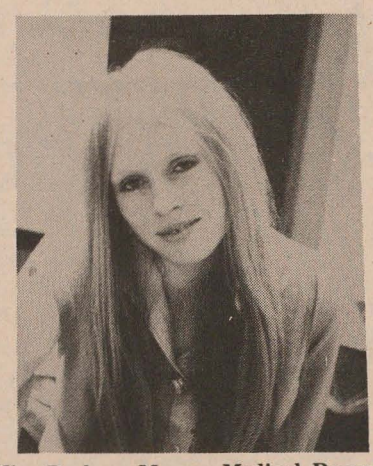
Ramblin' Sam

What do you think of the gas crunch?

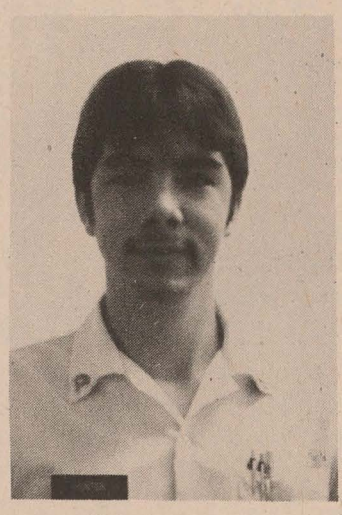
Mrs. Eloise Callwood, Secretary for Chief Ambulatory Care - "I think it's critical. I'm not driving. I'm taking the bus in order to deal with the situation.



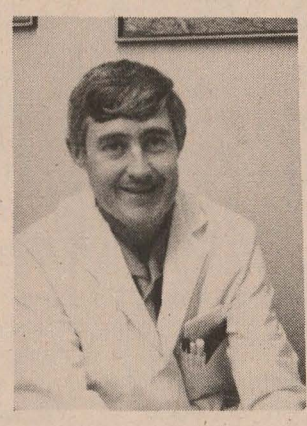
Mrs. Nancy Upton, Clerk Steno, Medical Education, LAMC / "I think it's terrible. I'm not dealing with it very well, yet. I'm still driving to work. I suppose eventually I will have to take public transportation."



Miss Barbara Mason, Medical Receptionist, Opthamology - "I think the initial plan is good for the interests of the country. It is a financial concern for the country but in the long run we should be seeing more production in energy research and less dependence on foreign soil."



Sp4 Christopher J. Hunter, Medic, Surgical Ward - "I know first hand there is no shortage. It's a lot of big business trying to make money. I just drive less and look for bargains at the gas station."



Colonel Joe Egan, Chief Ambulatory Care - "It's not all bad. It's teaching us to cut down on fuel consumption. I car pool. The car pools have cut down on commuter traffic."

Ms. Sandra Cummings, Medical Library Technician, LAMC / "I don't think it's real. I had a local gas station attendant tell me that it wasn't real but he wouldn't tell me why the stations were doing this to the public. I don't let my gas tank go less than half full. I try to incorporate trips and stay home on the weekend."

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Don't die tomorrow because . . .

by Ted Elisee

John Resdon was thirty-one years old. I say was, because he died last week. John didn't have to die so soon. In fact, he could have lived longer if only he had been more careful about his health.

You see, John had high blood pressure. High blood pressure can lead to heart attack and stroke. If John had just gone for a simple check of his blood pressure, he might have been saved.

Mary Leipzig knew she had high blood pressure. She had gone for a check-up and her problem was detected. Unfortunately, she died, too. Mary felt a lot better after taking her medication, so she stopped taking it. That was a mistake. A stroke took her life yesterday.

May is a month that has been set aside by the American Heart Association to have a campaign to identify and control high blood pressure patients. The slogan that has been adopted for this campaign is - "High blood pressure - treat it for life."

Mr. Barry Gaab of the Presidio Fire Department and a member of a team who will be screening individuals on the Presidio for high blood pressure recently commented that blood pressure problems are one of the leading causes of Cardio-Vascular disease. Said Barry, "The two objectives of our campaign are to identify a potential health problem by screening individuals here, and also to conduct an education segment to make people aware of the hazards of blood pressure problems."

Said Ms. Joan Kulla, R.N., Occupational Health Nurse, LAMC, "We want to identify hypertensive people and encourage them to be treated. Once a person has been diagnosed as one who has blood pressure problems, he or she can be treated. Unfortunately, some people start out well by taking their medicine, but for some reason they stop. Perhaps they think that they feel well enough, so the medication is not necessary. You know that's where the patient is wrong. They are asking for trouble."

What causes high blood pressure? Sometimes heredity is the answer. Other times the problem is related to another condition or disease present in the body. Sometimes a persons' behavioral patter or response to stress can aggravate high blood pressure. It is alarming to point out that one out of every four black individuals have high blood pressure, and one out of every seven Americans.

What are the symptoms? Sometimes a person will be nervous, have flushing of the skin, or headaches — BUT — most of the time there will be no symptoms! Other symptoms that might be present could be fatigue, shortness of breath, and chest pains. This deadly disease can be present and you won't even know it!

Joan commented that the ever changing role of women in todays society is an example of the stress that could be a contributing factor to hypertension. Stress is something that could put up a person's blood pressure, but it is important to point out that one high reading does not always indicate that a person will continually have hypertension. For this reason, if a high reading is taken, the patient will be asked to come back for an additional test.

What are some of the ways for hypertension to be treated? Answer: medication, diet, exercise, education, and learning to deal with stress.

LAMC and the Presidio, in particular, the Preventive Medicine Activity has decided to respond to the ever present problem of hypertension. A team of medical people under the direction of Joan Kulla, R.N. will begin to test individuals who live and work on the Presidio by performing simple health screening sessions on May 11. The screening will be free.

All military and civilians will be eligible for the free process. The team will first speak to the individuals to be screened about the problems created by hypertension. They will then take short case histories and perform the blood pressure test. The test is quick and painless.

Those who are military, and have been identified and potential patients will be referred to the hospital for continued care. Those who are civilian will be referred to their own physicians. The importance of course is that by a simple test you could be saving your life!

The team from the Preventive Medicine Activity will be setting up their locations for post activities on May 11. They will be in Bldg 37, Room 133 from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. - in Bldg 335 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Bldg 220's conference room from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If the response is good, team will be able to make arrangements to set up in other buildings on post.

Remember the test is free. You may be saving your life. High blood pressure seldom can be cured, but it can be controlled!

Don't die tomorrow because you didn't take the steps to save your life today.

Are You Taking Chances With Your Child's Health and Life?

Immunize now against dangerous childhood diseases

In the 1950s, thousands of children died from polio and thousands more were permanently disabled.

In the mid-1960s, a single rubella epidemic claimed the lives of 30,000 unborn children and caused serious mental or physical handicaps in 20,000 more.

Before a vaccine was developed hundreds of children died each year from measles, and many more suffered mental retardation.

Historically, mumps has been, and continues to be, a leading cause of deafness in children.

Diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough) at one time were leading causes of childhood sickness, disability and death.

Then, with the discovery and use of vaccines, came the hope that these diseases had become things of the past. But today, many children have not been vaccinated. As a result, these preventable diseases continue to strike more than 100,000 children each year, killing some and leaving many more permanently disabled.

Polio is a case in point. When the vaccine first was developed, there was no need to do more than announce its availability. People flocked to immunization centers to get the lifesaving vaccine. They remembered the horror of quarantine signs and iron lungs and metal crutches.

But memories began to fade, and parents became less diligent about polio and other disease vaccinations. Although recent improvement in the vaccination rate for children is good news, it's not good enough. Today, parents need to make sure their children are vaccinated, that their children have received the protection that could save their lives.

Check your records to make sure your children have been fully vaccinated. If they haven't, or if you're not sure, check with your military doctor. What's more, vaccinations are free at military dispensaries. For your child to remain unvaccinated is a serious and unnecessary risk.

A Great idea

by Ted Elisee

Like so many other things in the military, the idea to screen the Presidio for potential hypertensive patients began with one person coming up with an idea and presenting it to her bosses.

Miss Eiko Ashizawa R.N., Occupational Health Nurse is an example of one person with a great idea. Eiko, hoping to respond to the problem of high blood pressure existing on the Presidio decided to devise a program for screening workers on the Presidio, both military and civilian, for potential health hazards that could result from hypertension. Her boss, Colonel Richard Welch, Ch., Preventive Medicine, bought off on the idea. Through the cooperation of Welch, Eiko has set up a program to first screen LAMC and LAIR personnel. Helping her with her project are: Ltc Martha Metz, ANC, Community Health Nurse, Colonel Joe Egan, Ch, Ambulatory Care and Colonel C. Slewitzke, ANC, Ch, Department of Nursing, and, Maj. Ronald Julius, Ch, AIM Clinic.

In addition to the screening that will be done at various locations on post an May 11 (see related story), during the month of May there will be screening performed at LAMC, LAIR, and various other points that will be announced in the Star Presidian. Also, there will be a point set up on Armed Forces Day at Crissy Field so that attendees at the site can have an opportunity to have a free blood pressure test done. The site will be manned by the 2nd Field Hospital Center, a reserve unit from Hamilton AFB.

For further information about the program, contact Miss Eiko Ashizawa, extension 4646 or 4606.

Soldados

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droom attached to the mission. How closely this practice was followed remains a moot question.

Religious holidays sometimes brought additional gifts of fruit or wine for the men and their families. Then too, the **cabo** received an additional benefit, if he served as the missions's majordomo, in the form of another ten pesos a month over his regular salary. Despite these added attractions the monotonous mission duty did not appeal to many of the soldiers. Friction with the padres often resulted as a consequence of this fact, as well as over other problems between the clergymen and their military protectors.

One certain point of contention between church and military authorities were the forays launched against "hostiles" or in search of fleeing neophytes. While on one hand the missionaires may have supported such activities, some of the priests took offense at the methods used to subdue the Indians. While criticism in this area was sometimes justifiable, later periods of history often witnessed harsher and more tragic treatment of the Indian people, not only in the United States, but throughout the Americas.

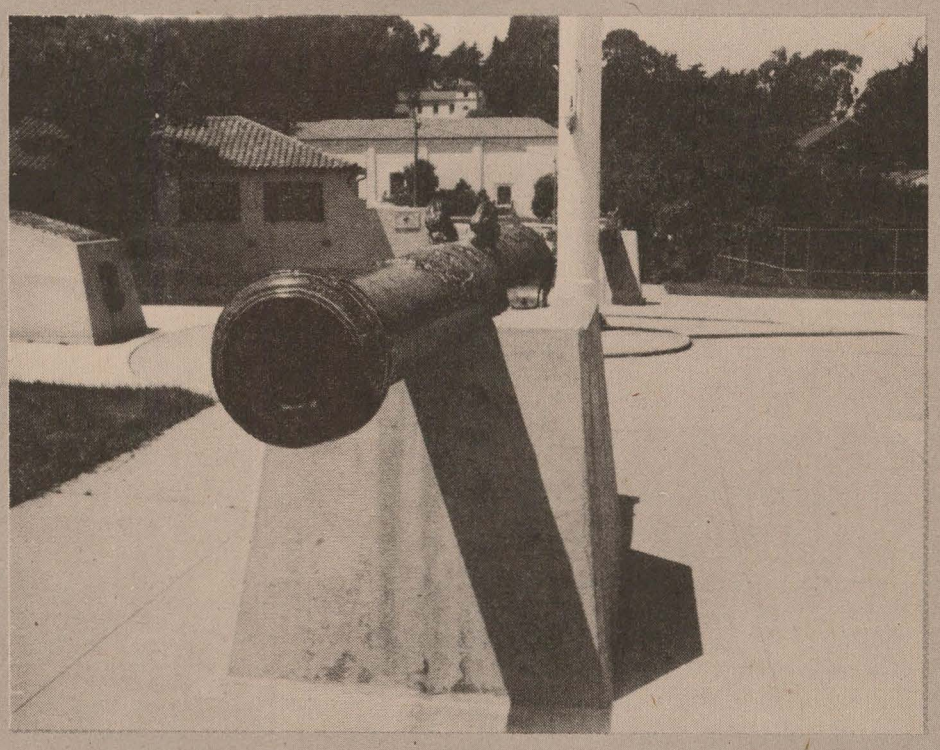
On the more positive side, the California contingents came as settlers, not **conquistadores** driven by the lust of gold and hunger for the labor of the New World's native population. Never was this point more obvious then in November 1777. At that time Jose Joaquin Moraga **comandante** of the Presidio of San Francisco, led sixty-six men, women and children southward from the Bay of San Francisco. Their mission: to establish the first civil settlement in **Alta** California, the Pueblo of San Jose de Guadalupe, a name selected by Governor Felipede Neve himself.

Of the fourteen family units who made up the charter members, ten were headed by military men, primarily Mexican-born soldiers of Spanish or mulatto descent. Situated near two good sources of water, and surrounded by an ample wood, fish, and game, the area seemed perfect for its primary purpose, that of a farming community to assist the haphazard sea-based supply of the Presidios of Monterey and San Francisco.

Proposal

The governor proposed a number of aids to foster this project. He desired that two cows, two oxen, two horses, plus pairs of sheep and goats be provided each family along with one mule. Every family also received two each of plowshares, spades and mattocks, as well as a machete, axe, hatchet, musket, and other important implements as a loan to be repaid later with crops.

To further insure the success of this venture, the governor saw to it that four stallions, four bulls, four billy goats, four rams, four jacks, a half dozen jennies, and six boar became communal property of the pueblo itself as breeding stock or beasts of burden. All these items were to be purchased on an installment basis with surplus foodstuffs raised by the community for this purpose. This portion of the plan was later changed and a reduced reimbursement was granted, since a number of circumstances made prompt and complete repayment difficult. Lastly, Neve called for a dozen extra muskets for San Jose, since the soldier-farmer inhabitants served as reinforcements to the local garrison.



An initial food supply had to be provided until successful harvests began. On the average a family unit might be allotted twenty-two pounds of corn, six pounds of beans, one and one-half pounds of rice, a pound of lard, a pound of brown sugar, and a quart of dry chile per week. Meals were of simple fare with cooking performed outside the home. Women prepared tortillas on an iron plate known as the **comal**, which perched atop two miniature ovens, the **hornillas**. Since cattle raising constituted a major industry, beef could be procured with relative ease to supplement the ration. An open spit proved most popular in preparation of beef or other meats.

Of course the inhabitants of San Jose were not the only ones engaged in farming and livestock production. Each presidio had its farm plots to be worked by the troops and their families. A **rancho del rey** (royal ranch) was also to be located near the garrison as the military's own butcher sthop on the hoof. In this way the active leather jacket was just as much a **vaquero** as he was a soldier.

When not engaged in establishing presidios and pueblos, or working to feed himself and his family, the **soldado** carried on a number of other activities. He carried the mail and dispatches as pony express riders did later. Escort of officials while traveling from place to place also fell to the leather jacket. Moreover, he might assist in the establishment of tiny coastal fortifications, **castillos**, situated at the various presidio ports. Armed with an array of outdated ordnance, the **soldado de cuera**, a cavalryman, often changed into an artilleryman to man these forts. In this manner he served in the capacity of a defense against potential European incursion. While never called upon to fight a foreign foe, one of the **soldado's** primary reasons for existence was to stem the tide of possible Russian, English and later United States encroachment along Spain's north Pacific coast.

Plan backfires

If anything, this plan backfired, because the presidios, far from the seat of Spanish authority and supply, encouraged foreigners to come to California for trade. Nonetheless, until 1822 when the Mexican tricolor replaced His Majesty's royal ensign, the **soldado** remained as a deterrent to possible invasion.

So it was that the military colonists of California assumed varied and important roles in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Predominantly Mexican born, they brought Hispanic culture to the west coast where its mark remains to this day. Here they continued for generations, harnessing the new land for their God and king, and providing a better life for themselves and their families. As a consequence, the image of the leather jacket deserves as much a place in the California sun as does the mission bell, or the Forty-Niners' gold pan.

It was their relatives and friends, however, who remained behind in Mexico, and eventually overthrew Spanish rule. These same people, nearly a half century later, succeeded in driving out the French imperial forces. This effort provided a sort of second Independence Day which is celebrated every May 5. So let the **gritos** ring out celebrating freedome for all Hispanic peoples, and indeed, for everyone on this small orb we call "earth."

Cinco de Mayo celebration

Cinco de Mayo, or the Fifth of May, is one of the great days in the history of our neighbor to the south, Mexico. It is also observed by communities and military installations in the U.S. Southwest where many of the eight million Mexican-Americans in the United States live.

The day marks the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla which was fought in 1862 by a force of about 2,000 Mexican troops against an invading force of French troops numbering 6,000. Although the French were defeated at the battle, they eventually took over the government of Mexico. But the occupation ended when the French governor Maximillian was captured and executed by Mexican patriots.

Mexican-Americans have a rich history, with much to be proud of aside from Cinco de Mayo.

Mexico City, the oldest metropolis on the North American continent, was founded in 1521. In 1539 the press of Juan Pablos printed the first book in the Americas and the University of Mexico was founded in 1551.

A growing number of young Mexican-American artists have a rich heritage to draw upon. It is a result of a combination of the art of the pre-Colombian peoples of Mexico such as the Mayas, the Nahuats, the Zapotecs, and the Mixtecs, together with the love for beauty brought over by the Spanish that has fostered their reverence for and excellence in the arts.

As one Hispanic magazine expressed it, "Hispanic roots pre-date both Anglo and Black roots in America, and it would make many beautiful, powerful and compelling stories. Add to that the telling of the story of the Indo-Hispanics — those of admixed Indian and Spanish ancestry — there is a story for you — and one still to be written and produced."

Fiesta week

San Francisco's 14th annual Latin-American Fiesta Week will culminate next Sunday (May 6) in a 162-unit parade through the Mission District.

The colorful procession will include 1,300 people, 80 horses, 13 floats, 16 drill teams, a dozen military units, 9 bands and drum corps, 10 novelty units and muy mariachis.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Supervisor Robert Gonzales, this year's grand marshal, and Fiesta Week president Adolfo Majewski will ride in the vanguard.

The parade will start at 1 p.m. and continue for nearly three hours, according to parade chairman Renie Champagne.

It will get underway at the corner of 15th and Harrison Streets and move west on 15th to Folsom, south on Folsom to 16th, west on 16th to Mission, south on Mission to 14th and east on 24th to Potrero, passing the reviewing stand on 24th between Capp and South Van Ness.

The 1979 Fiesta queen, 17-year-old Esperanza Berrios, will be crowned at a coronation ball starting at 8 on Saturday night (May 5) at Caesar's Palace Club, 3140 Mission Street (phone 648-0680 for reservations).

The Latin-American community celebration is sponsored by the Spanish-Speaking Citizens Foundation, Inc., representing 20 Central American, South American and Caribbean countries as well as Mexico, Spain, Portugal and the Philippines.

FIESTA

Crime scene

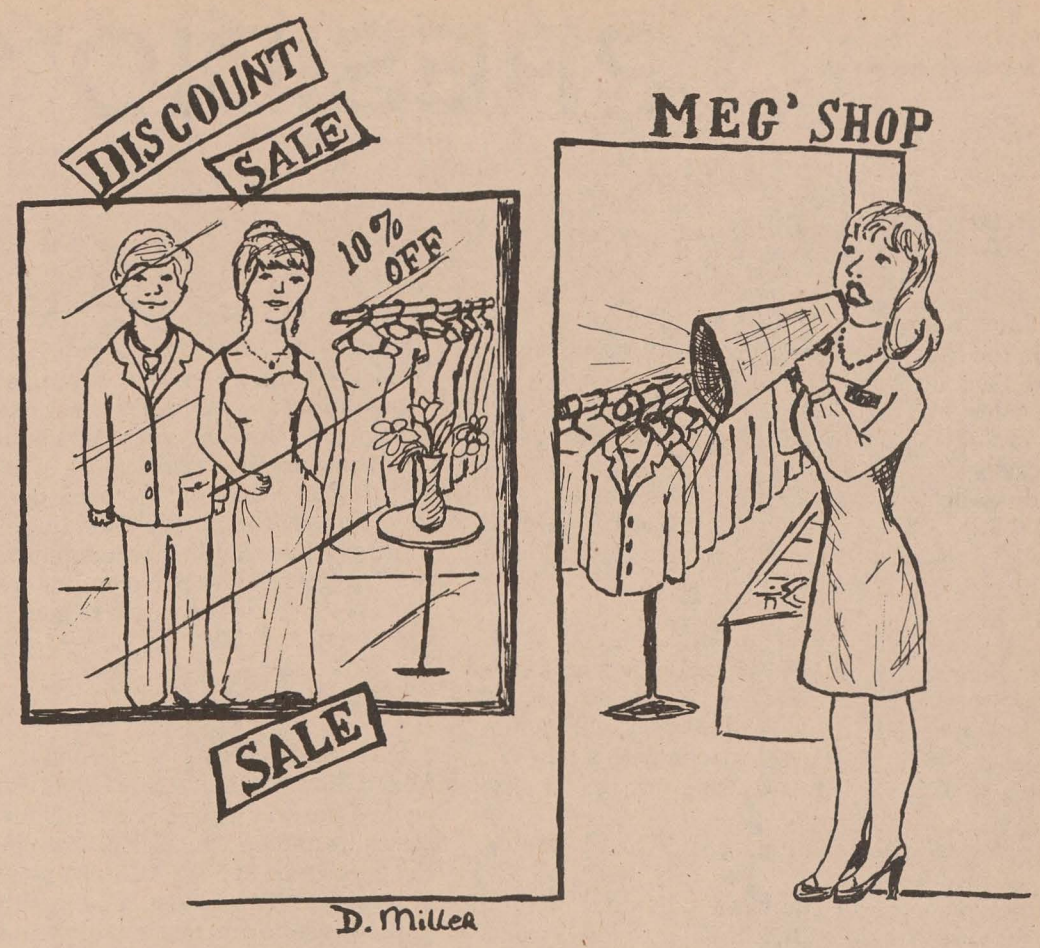
by Don Delver

It had been a bad day for Sgt. Kookla. It was his day off and his wife, Fran, and his two year old son, Ollie, were visiting her parents in Petaluma. He'd planned a quiet day for himself, but it just hadn't turned out that way.

At nine o'clock there was a knock at the door, and when he opened it Sgt. Kookla found himself face to face with a petite young woman, nicely dressed, who greeted him with a big smile. "Good morning sir, my name is Sally Sweetwater and I represent the Whodatdownder Encyclopedia Company. If you can answer a few simple questions, you qualify for a free set of encyclopedias. To begin with, what is your name? You have 30 seconds." She spoke so rapidly that Sgt. Koola scarecely had time to hink. "Bill," he finally blurted out, pleased to be able to recall under the intense pressure.

"Well done, Bill. You're half way to owning your own set of our fabulous books, bound in genuine Wonderwhoopie simulated vinyl." "What is your favorite color?" "Red," came the prompt reply. "Right again, Bill. Congratulations! You've just qualified for a complete set of our 37 volume book of knowledge, specualation, distortions and occasional outright lies. But tell me, Bill," said the fast talking Ms. Sweetwater, "you wouldn't want your child growing up with an outdated set of encyclopedias, would you?" "Of course you wouldn't, and that's why I'm sure you'll want our update service. Each and every month, you'll receive a booklet which lists all of the major discoveries and new facts which were added to the realm of general knowledge in the previous month. This service is brought to you at a modest cost and after the initial period, may be discontinued by you at any time."

Sgt. Kookla was just not prepared to put up any resistance, and ended up ordering the encyclopedias and the update service from Ms. Sweetwater. It wasn't until a day later, when he told Fran about it that the two of them figured out that the cost for initial period of data update service was more than what they would have had to pay for the encyclopedias. They also realized that they didn't really want the encyclopedias in the first place.



Cases such as this one happen thousands of times each day all across the country. Whether it's pots and pans, books or magazines, vacuum cleaners or widgets, the American consumer is often sold items door to door that he or she doesn't really want. Until fairly recently, we were stuck with whatever we bought, even if we signed the contract just to get rid of a pesky salesman. This is no longer necessary thanks to a new law which provides for something known as the **three day cooling off period.**

The principle behind the three day cooling off period is that when a person is confronted with an emotional sales pitch for which he was unprepared he may be prone to buy things which he does not need or want and which he cannot afford. The law provides that if he signs a contract for unsolicitied merchandise, that is merchandise he did not request, he has three days in which to change his mind and withdraw from the contract. If he waits longer than three days, the contract becomes binding. In most cases this would involve a door to door salesperson who convinces you to buy something you later decide you don't want. The procedure requires you notify the company, preferably in writing, that you do not want the merchandise, and to do so within three days of signing the contract. This law was designed to protect the public from fast talking, shady, and unscrupulous salespeople, but there are still many other ways the consumer can be cheated. Door to door salespeople on Presidio are required to have a valid permit in their possession. It pays to buy warily and to check out any company with the Better Business Bureau before you buy. Don't be a pigeon.

Presidio gets well again!!

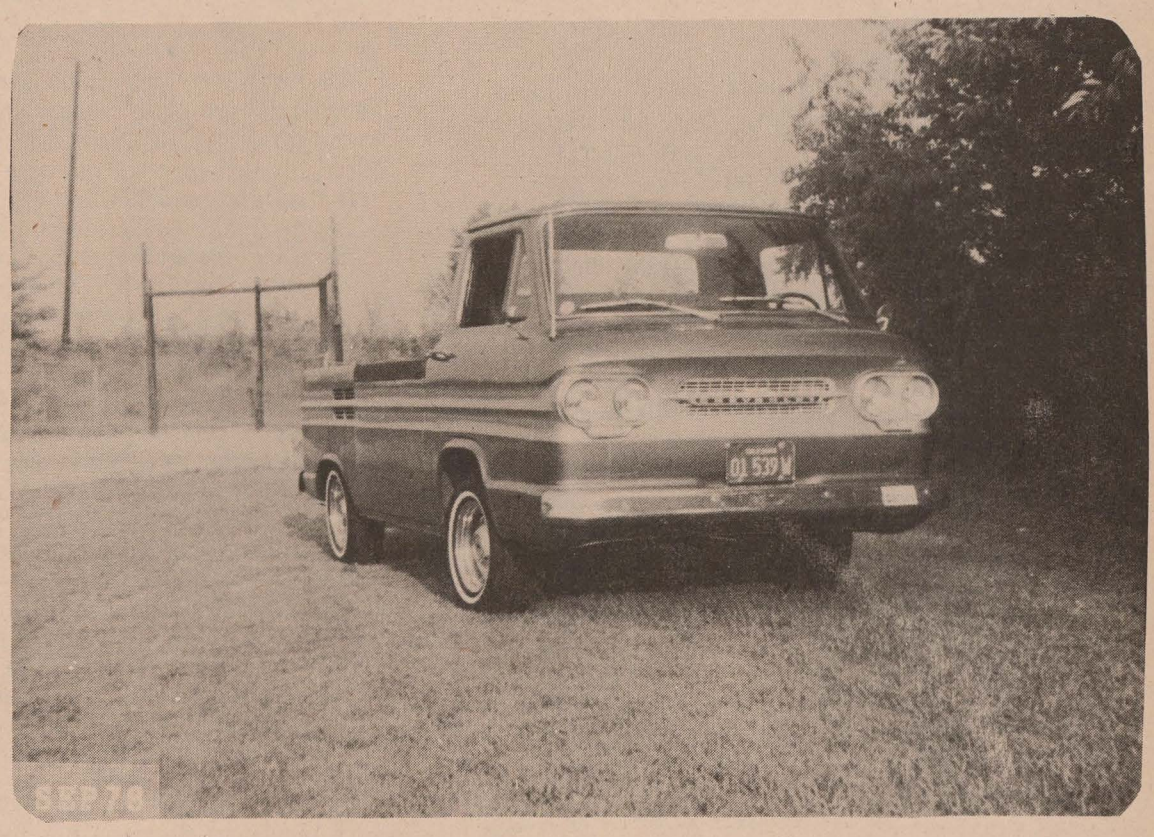
by Ted Elisee

The Presidio staff was in a sick situation during the past few years. All over the Presidio the amount of hours taken by Department of the Army Civilians were higher than the Army wide average. What caused this high rate is not important — it just happened.

Fortunately, the problem was recognized and work has been done to correct the situation. Training seminars have been set up to make the other person aware of what impact an "improper" request for sick leave could have on the rest of the people in the work force. Also, the post commander authorized a Certificate of Achievement for workers who have saved more than one thousand hours of sick leave. The DFAE recently presented ten such certificates to employees who have judiciously used their sick leave. Mr. Norman DeBare was the most impressive achiever by accruing 3,069 hours of sick leave.

Now its no big deal to receive the certificate, and the certificate was not designed to reward good health. But its always good to know that a sick situation can be changed. Thanks to the awareness of others about the importance of being on the job, the Presidio is getting well again.

Fighting the gas shortage



Perhaps you have notice this unusual little blue truck tooling around post. Were you able to identify it?

Few people can. It is in fact, a rare 1961 Corvair pick-up truck. Only 18,000 were manufactured over a four year period from 1959 thru 1963. Needless to say, there are very few left today and rapidly becoming collectors items.

Mechanically, it is basically the same as the Corvair car. It has a six cylinder, air cooled engine mounted in the rear behind the rear wheels. With the absence of a drive shaft, the cargo area extends to the very bottom of the pick-up body. A four foot wide side ramp, hinged at the bottom of the body, allows the right side to be lowered. This feature makes it very convenient for loading and unloading. This particular vehicle has traveled over 145,000 miles.

The proud owner, Maj. Curt DesForges, ODCSLOG, restored it and has driven it across the country twice in the last year. He claims it gets 20 MPG with an automatic transmission. Eat your heart out Ralph Nader, you missed this one. CORVAIRS FOREVER!

PRESIDIO SPORTS

Aquarius Swim Team

The following are the results of the Aquarius entrants in the B-A+ meet sponsored by the stingrays of Rohnert Park on April 21 and 22:

6 and Under

Wendy Seifert - 4th in 25 yard freestyle

8 and Under

Wendy Seifert - 6th in 25 yard freestyle.

Nick Russo - 1st with a new "A" time of 43.4 seconds in 50 yard butterfly, 4th in 25 yard freestyle, 2nd in 100 yard Individual Medley, 2nd in 25 yard butterfly in A Division.

11-12 Years old

Lynda Boland - 1st in 50 yard butterfly with a new "A" time.

Denise Tietze - 6th in 500 yard freestyle with a new "A" time, 2nd in 50 yard breaststroke with a new "A" time, 4th in 100 yard breaststroke, 5th in 50 yard butterfly.

Robin Wicks - 6th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 5th in 50 yard freestyle.

Brian Russo - 6th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 2nd in 50 yard freestyle, 2nd in 50 yard backstroke.

15-18 years old

Paul Haas - 4th in 500 yard freestyle, 1st in 200 yard breaststroke, 4th in 100 yard backstroke.

Slow Pitch

The Presidio Intramural Softball Slow-Pitch Program will get under way on Monday, May 7 when LAMC #1 and the communicators of USACC battle each other at Ft. Scott Field #1. LAIR #1 will take on the hard hitting team REGION IX, representing HQ 6th Army on Field #2. Both games will begin at 5:45 p.m. Three games are scheduled for Field #1 and two games on Field #2, Monday thru Thursday, with a starting time of 5:45 p.m. and an hour time limit. The Presidio League will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, the Ft. Scott League on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Presidio Softball Teams will be hosting McClellan Air Force Base on Saturday, May 12 at Ft. Scott Fields #1 and #2, in the opening round of the Northern California Armed Forces Slow-Pitch Softball League. Each team will play a double header, with a starting time of 1 p.m.

The Post Men's and Women's teams are still in need of players willing to play and travel each Saturday at military installations throughout Northern California. All active duty personnel interested in representing the Presidio are urged to contact Mr. Bobbi Gascon, telephone 5032/4120.

Units and activities interested in participating in a Mixed Slow-Pitch Softball League, five men and four women on the field at one time, playing alternating positions and batting order, are requested to call Mr. Bobbie Gascon at 5032/4120. To get the league started, at least four teams must be formed. Women employed at the Presidio and dependents will be eligible to participate. Individuals on unit intramural teams are also eligible. League will not interfere with the Post Intramural League or Post level competition.

Golf

The 1979 Sports Branch Commander's 36-hole medal play Spring Golf Tournament is scheduled to be conducted at the Presidio Golf Course on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-24.

All active duty personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio are eligible to participate in the Senior Division, (40 years of age or over) or the Open Division, (39 years of age and under).

Individuals desiring to enter the Tournament are urged to contact the Presidio Sports Office, telephone 4120/5032 for sign-up.

All Star Track

The All-Army Track & Field team, which is training at the Presidio, fared will in a major meet this past weekend. The San Jose State Invitational was another stepping stone in preparation for the Interservice Track Championship, June 8-9.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Terry Crews, 1st in 3,000 meter Steeplechase with a time of 9:10; Wardel Angel came in 2nd in the 400 meter Intermediate Hurdles; Scott Lieshman was 3rd in the Hammer Throw with a toss of 183 ft; Harold Lawrence, 3rd in the Long Jump, 25' 3-3/4"; William Loyd was 4th in the Triple Jump, 50'8".

The next venture for the Track Team is the prestigious Fresno Relays, May 4-5.

Fun run race

The next Fun Run Race is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 at Noon. Start/Finish is Post Gym #1, Bldg #63. The distance will be 3 miles. The course will be three one-mile loops over a scenic and secluded route. Sign-ups are taken on race day only, starting at 11:30 a.m. All runners on post are invited to enter.

The last race was exciting as Marie Franchesci, LAMC, won the 2 mile holiday race. She is progressing rapidly in her running and should be able to do well in future races.

Ralph Cruikhank, Region IX, won the prediction time contest as he was only 9 seconds off his time.

Peter Robinson, LAIR, had the fastest scratch time, 11:31.

Bay to Breakers

Entry forms for this famous race can be obtained at Post Gym #1, Bldg #63, running bulletin board. Entries are due Saturday, May 5.

A Common Interest

What does Captain Bob Hall and Carol Chand, in-service recruiter for the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard, have in common, other than both being stationed at the Presidio?

Both belong to San Francisco Big Brothers, a non-profit agency that matches fatherless boys with volunteer men in a one-to-one personal relationship. Bob is a Big Brother to a 9-year-old boy and Carol is a mother whose son has a Big Brother. Bob and Carol were drawn to the Big Brothers agency for different reasons, but each has had the same reaction, a feeling that their lives have been enriched by the Big Brothers program.

Bob, a Big Brother for two years, had his own special reason for joining the program. "I had never been around kids before and I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to learn about children." Hall was assigned to his Little Borther, David, then 7, and according to Bob, "We have had two years of learning, growing together and getting used to each other. I tell his mother that I'm giving him a real education. I'm teaching him to play pool, pinball, swimming, sailing, baseball, softball, and basketball."

However, this is not a onesided affair. Bob cites examples where David has taught him a few things. "Ive learned a great deal from David. For example, I've learned how to deal with a 9-year-old. He's not a child, but a little person. The things that he comes up with absolutely amaze me. One thing that especially surprises me is that David, being all of 9, can really play a good game of chess! I really have to work to beat him."

Relating to a 9-year-old does present Bob with some interesting challenges. "Physically it's a challenge just to keep up with him, but mentally it's a bigger challenge just to answer his questions. He has one question after another. Our regular conversation consists of his asking, 'Why this and why that?' It's like he has a dictionary in front of him and he is asking me what every word means." said Hall with an exasperated grin on his face.

After two years together, Bob and David have developed a very close relationship. "My relationship with him is as a good friendship. He knows I'm not a surrogate father, a charity or a money provider."

Bob tells of the benefits that only a Big Brother can get. "I get real satisfaction knowing that I'm learning a great deal from being exposed to David's thoughts, interests and his family. When he calls me and shares his experiences with me, I'm really thrilled. But I guess the best thing is that I feel very good whenever I'm with him!"

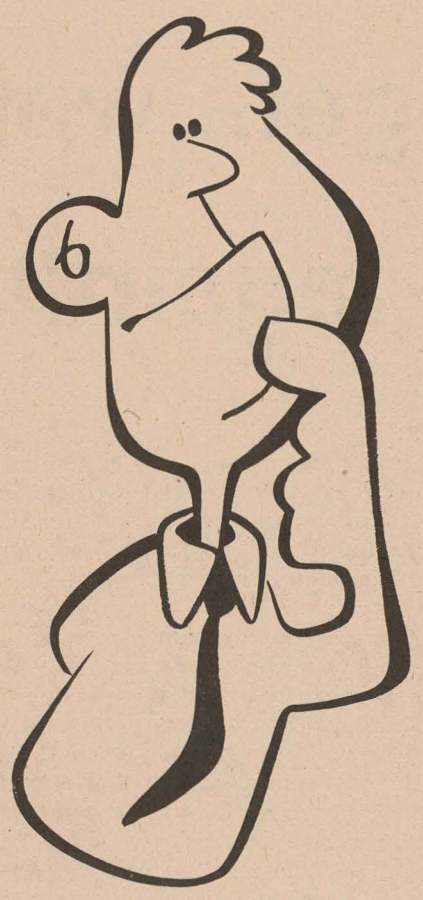
Carol came to Big Brothers in 1972 when she saw her three boys needed "A male friend or buddy." Since then, all of her sons have been fortunate enough to have a Big Brother. Presently, her youngest son, Lal, is the only one that has a Big Brother.

Says Carol, "I tried doing the same things a man would do with my sons, but it wasn't the same. I just couldn't replace the male image. According to Carol, Lal and his Big Brother, Tom, hit it off right from the start. Tom and Lal enjoy special occasions like hiking on Mt. Tamlapais, ski trips to Lake Tahoe, fishing and ball games, but more important, they spend their time together just being special friends doing simple things."

Carol considers Tom "one of the family" and feels very fortunate that Lal has him as a Big Brother. "Tom has helped round out my son's life. Lal is a normal, healthy boy and Tom's time, energy, affection and guidance is helping Lal become a man."

Carol said, "Without a Big Brother and the adult male friendship, Lal might possibly have developed attitude problems stemming from a one parent environment. In a way, Lal is as fortunate as a boy with a father. Lal and Tom have a very special thing going . . . a very close, growing relationship and tend to do as much together as the average father and son.

How does Carol now feel about her decision to join the Big Brothers program? "It was the greatest thing I could have done. I cannot praise the organization enough."



MP performs animal control on PSF

Story and photos by Lloyd Falls

"Unit #36, this is Presidio; 10-15 the area of Julius Kahn Park; report of a stray animal," is a typical radio transmission between the M.P. Station and Sp4 John Forrey, also known as "36," the individual M.P. in charge of animal control on the Presidio.

The scope of Forrey's duties at first glance may seem impossible for one person to perform, considering the wide range of types, and the quantity of animals on the Presidio is extensive, but Forrey breaks down and organizes the categories of different animals/mammals of the area and studies their characteristics and habits, then determines what particular problems he may encounter in a given situation. "Wild raccoons are a big problem," says Forrey. "They seem to get into everything, and are difficult to catch and can also be dangerous if they are approached unaware." Forrey uses protective leather gloves, baited traps, and other various equipment to capture the animals safely.

A major problem, area-wide on PSF, is the Julius Kahn Park, which is adjacent to West Pacific Avenue, S.F. city property. "The problem involves both military and civilian personnel" says Forrey, "who disregard posted 'NO ANIMALS ALLOWED' signs and let their pets roam freely through the area, creating a serious health hazard for children playing in the park." Forrey is working in conjunction with the S.F. S.P.C.A. in controlling the animals and issuing citations to violators in the park area, "and will continue to do so on a high priority basis, until the area is no longer a safety hazard for children to play in."

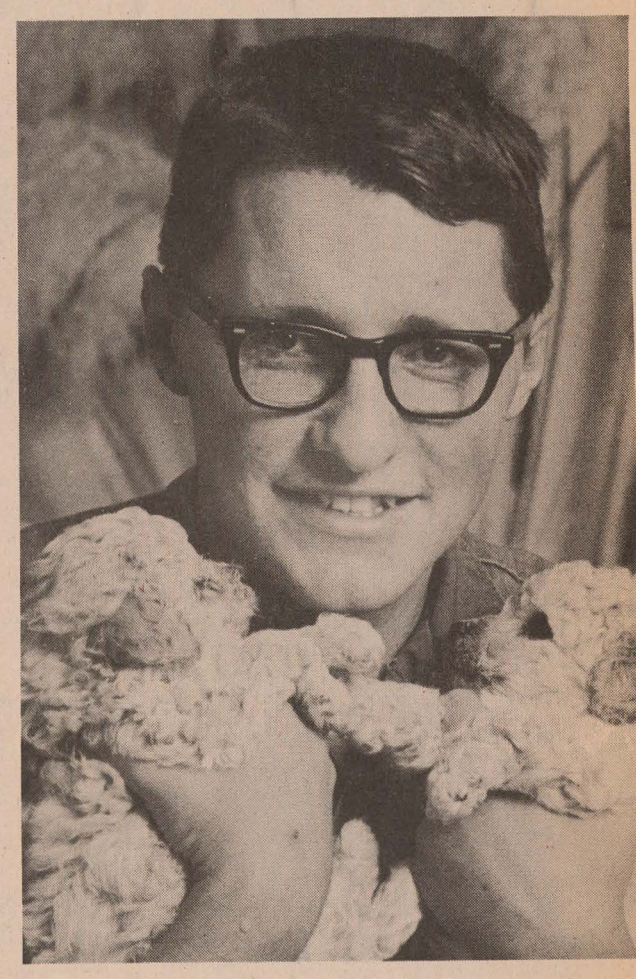
Forrey's patrol area includes the entire PSF area, along with Forts Baker/Barry/Chronkite, the PSF sub-installations, and also the military housing area at Fort Mason.

Forrey works closely with the PSF Animal Disease and Prevention Control Facility (formerly the PSF Veterinary Clinic). The mammal research and rehabilitation clinic at Ft. Chronkite, and the S.F. S.P.C.A. in transporting stray or deceased animals for care and storage or disposal.

The animals Forrey collects running stray on PSF and sub-posts are transported to the PSF A.D.P.A.C. facility, where they are kept for three days, and if they are unclaimed, are transported to the S.P.C.A. in S.F., where they are cared for and stored up to seven days, and if still unclaimed, are either sold for cost of upkeep or put to sleep.

Forrey may, in the course of his duties, come in contact with anything from a stray dog or cat, tropical birds, sea gulls, wild raccoons, snakes, bee hives, ant hills, gophers, wild owls, and occasionally a deceased beached sea lion weighing up to 1,000 pounds.

Forrey says the most recent unusual case he has come across was an individual keeping pet boa-constrictors in quarters on one of PSF sub-posts. "I informed the individual the snakes were being kept illegally, and he would have to dispose of them." "Luckily, he was cooperative," says Forrey. Forrey is often called upon to investigate complaints of dead or injured animals in crawl-spaces under quarters or in attics. "I usually receive the complaint due to an "unbearable stench" emitting from the area, and sometimes it's pretty gruesome"' Forrey states. "In one instance alone, I discovered an adult cat and six



young kittens, that had all been deceased about six months, under a quarters crawl-space." Forrey urges anyone who suspects they have animals in their crawl space or attic not to approach the animal, but to call the M.P. Station at 561-2251/2252.

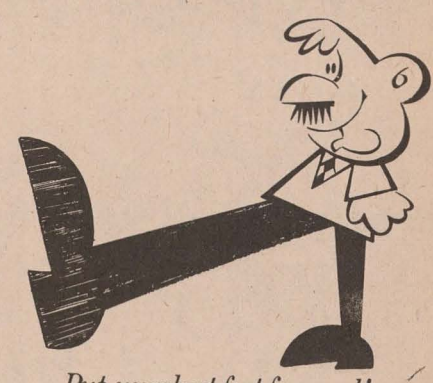
If you would like more information on post regulations governing household or the care and raising of your pet, contact the M.P. Station any time day or night. In cases of emergency (animal bits or attacks) contact LAMC E.R. at 561-3166 or the M.P. Station immediately.

Merle Haggard

Photo by Lina Susbilla

Singer Merle Haggard surprised the audience **at the NCO Club on April 30 by making an unannounced appearnace on stage to perform with his wife who was the scheduled entertainer for the evening. (Photo by Lina Susbilla)**

AER: Helping your own



Put your best foot forward!

Everyone likes to have a little money in the bank in case there is a time of need. The Army Emergency Relief (AER) Fund is like having money in the bank. However, if you don't make a deposit in your bank account it will not be there when you need it, right? The AER is the same way. If we don't make a deposit in the AER there will be nothing there to draw from when we need it.

AER provides financial assistance for: Army members and their dependents during a valid emergency, undergraduate study for unmarried dependent children, spouses and orphans of deceased Army personnel who have an emergency need.

Now that the 1979 Army Emergency Relief Annual Fund campaign has started let us all get out and contribute to our AER savings account.

During the last year, AER assisted over 35,000 members of the Army during periods of financial distress with loans and grants of almost seven million dollars. In 1978 the Presidio AER section assisted 153 individuals with loans and grants totaling over $28,600.

The possibility that each one of us might at some time need assistance and the fact that financial assistance is immediately available during periods of distress, should create a desire to support this worthwhile endeavor.

News notes

EM Wives Club

The Enlisted Men's Wives Club will hold their monthly meeting at the NCO Club on May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

There will be two guest speakers - one from the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, and Mrs. Bell of the Main Exchange Florist Shop. The deadline for application for the Wives Club Scholarship is today. The club is encouraging interested women to attend the meeting and join the club.

Post Library

Want a new and interesting experience? Visit your post library. You'll be surprised at what you might find.

There is information on all kinds of subjects at your post library and it is provided in print and other multimedia packages. The library has printed material such as magazines, newspapers, non-fiction books, fiction books, facts on file, indexes, book lists, best-sellers, subject bibliographies, paperbacks, picture books, pamphlets, etc.

In addition to print materials, the post library has other media such as records, tapes, cassettes, microfilms and fiche, videocassettes, art reproductions, sculptures, maps, mounted photos and pictures. These items, like the print materials, can be checked out or used in the library.

Other activities that may be provided by your post library are story hours, discussion groups, speakers, films and other programs.

Information on careers, travel, military materials, retirements, money matters and consumer facts, etc. can be found in your post library.

Your post library can open a new world of experiences for you! Discover it soon. (FORSCOM B-17)

Masters Degree

Personnel interested in exploring a masters degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University are invited to attend a briefing May 15 at 4:30 p.m. at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216. The on-post course scheduled this summer is PA 309, **Public Budgeting and Finance,** which will meet June 12 - September 11 on Tuesday from 6 - 8:45 p.m. For more information, contact a College Counselor at Ft. Scott x2974 or LAMC x3693.

Youth baseball

All individuals 13 or 14 years old who are interested in participating in the Presidio Youth Baseball league should contact either Ralph Hamler, ext. 5311 or Van Lowry, 466-3496. It is not too late to take part in this year's activity, so if you're interested give them a call.

Presidential proclamation

President Jimmy Carter has pointed out, in proclaiming the week beginning on May 4 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week, that "Asian-Americans have played a significant role in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic America with their enormous contributions to our science, arts, industry, government and commerce."

Such contributions in times of war have been made with heroism and bravery.

During the fierce fighting for Italian ridges in April of 1945 a nisei (Japanese-American) infantryman inched up on a German machine gun emplacement. As he was about to throw a grenade, a German tossed one which nearly tore his arm off. Shaking off the assistance of his men, he took up a tommy gun and stumbled on, finally wiping out the enemy machine gun nest. This nisei, who subsequently lost his arm, later became United States Senator Kaniel K. Inouye.

It was an American ship under command of Commodore Matthew Perry whose visit in 1854 opened Japan to Western influence. A few years later in 1869, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States. The Sacramento, Calif., Union wrote of the new arrivals, "It is in the interest of California to welcome and encourage these immigrants. . . ."

Chinese immigration to the United States began during the 1850s and 1860s. They often worked in the mining camps of California. Later, Chinese laborers assisted in constructing the railroads and canals that criss-crossed the United States.

Down through the years Asian-Americans from China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines have made contributions of significance to our nation. There was, for example, Dr. Choh Hao Li, a biochemist, who in 1962 won the Albert Lasker Award as the world's leading authority on the pituitary gland. Senator Hiram L. Fong was the first American of Asian ancestry to be elected to the U.S. Senate. In 1964, Patsy Takemoto Mink became the first nisei woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In recent years the plight of refugees in Southeast Asia has resulted in tens of thousands of them finding sanctuary in this country. Undoubtedly, in years to come, they too will more than repay the nation's hospitality.

As President Carter said of Asian-Americans, "Their successful integration into American society and their positive and active participation in our national life demonstartes the soundness of America's policy of continued openness to peoples from Asia and the Pacific."

Gas Hotline

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — A toll-free hotline is available for anyone to report violations of Federal gasoline price controls, according to a Department of Energy (DOE) spokesman.

Prices of gasoline have increased sharply lately, but they are still not permitted to go above the ceiling prices set for each station. The hotline should be used whenever a station doesn't have the ceiling price displayed on each pump or if the selling price is higher than the ceiling price posted, the spokesman said.

A caller should have the following information to give over the hotline: Name, address, and brand of gas station; type gas (regular, unleaded, premium); selling price; and ceiling price (if displayed).

Calls to the hotline may result in DOE sending a letter to the station involved asking them to explain. If the response is not satisfactory, the station's books will be audited and appropriate corrective action taken, according to DOE.

The gasoline price hotline operates from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time daily. Persons in the Washington, D.C. area should call 254-5474. All others should call 800-424-9246.

New Utility cap

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Some soldiers will be sporting a modified utility cap by Spring 1980, according to DA officials.

A modified version of the utility cap, approved for purchase by DA, will eventually replace the one currently worn in the field. According to officials, the cap will be available in post exchanges this fall. The modified cap will be issued to recruits and be available in clothing sales stores in March/April 1980.

Changes to the cap include an improved sweat band and three different bill sizes. The bill sizes will fit three size groupings of caps. The improved sweat band will abosrb perspiration easing the problem of the sweat ring stain on the outer portion of the cap.

The new utility cap will be made of the same fabric used in wash and wear fatigues. Officials say consideration will be given to a possible camouflage utility cap to be worn with the battle dress camouflage uniforms when and if the uniforms are adopted.

Pepperdine University

Pepperdine University's Northern California Center announced today that the cities of San Jose, San Mateo, and San Francisco have been selected as locations for a graduate business program leading to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Programs offered are designed to meet the needs of working adults. Classes meet for 16 intensive months, after hours or on week-ends.

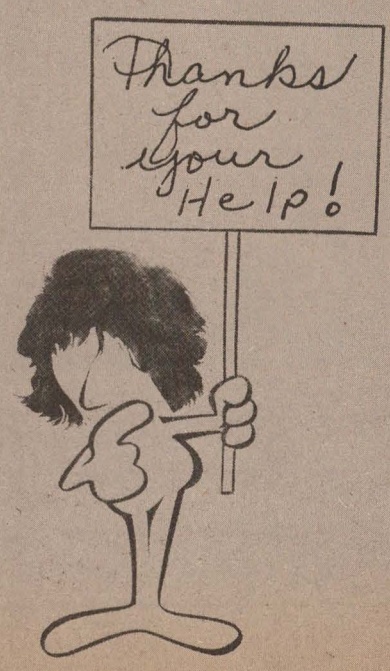
Larry Burt, Regional Director for the University's School of Business and Management in Northern California has scheduled a series of one-hour orientations for prospective applicants beginning May 14th in San Jose, May 15th in Palo Alto, May 16th in San Francisco, and May 17th in Burlingame and San Jose. Orientations will begin at 7:00 PM and all interested individuals are invited to attend. Further information is available by calling the School's Northern California Center in San Jose at 292-4282 during normal business hours.

June 2nd has been set as the application deadline for classes beginning September 5th, 1979.

Pepperdine University is an equal opportunity educator, accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Clean Up

The Spring Clean-up campaign is on! Do your part to keep the Presidio beautiful. Pick up — Clean up and get rid of the old junk.



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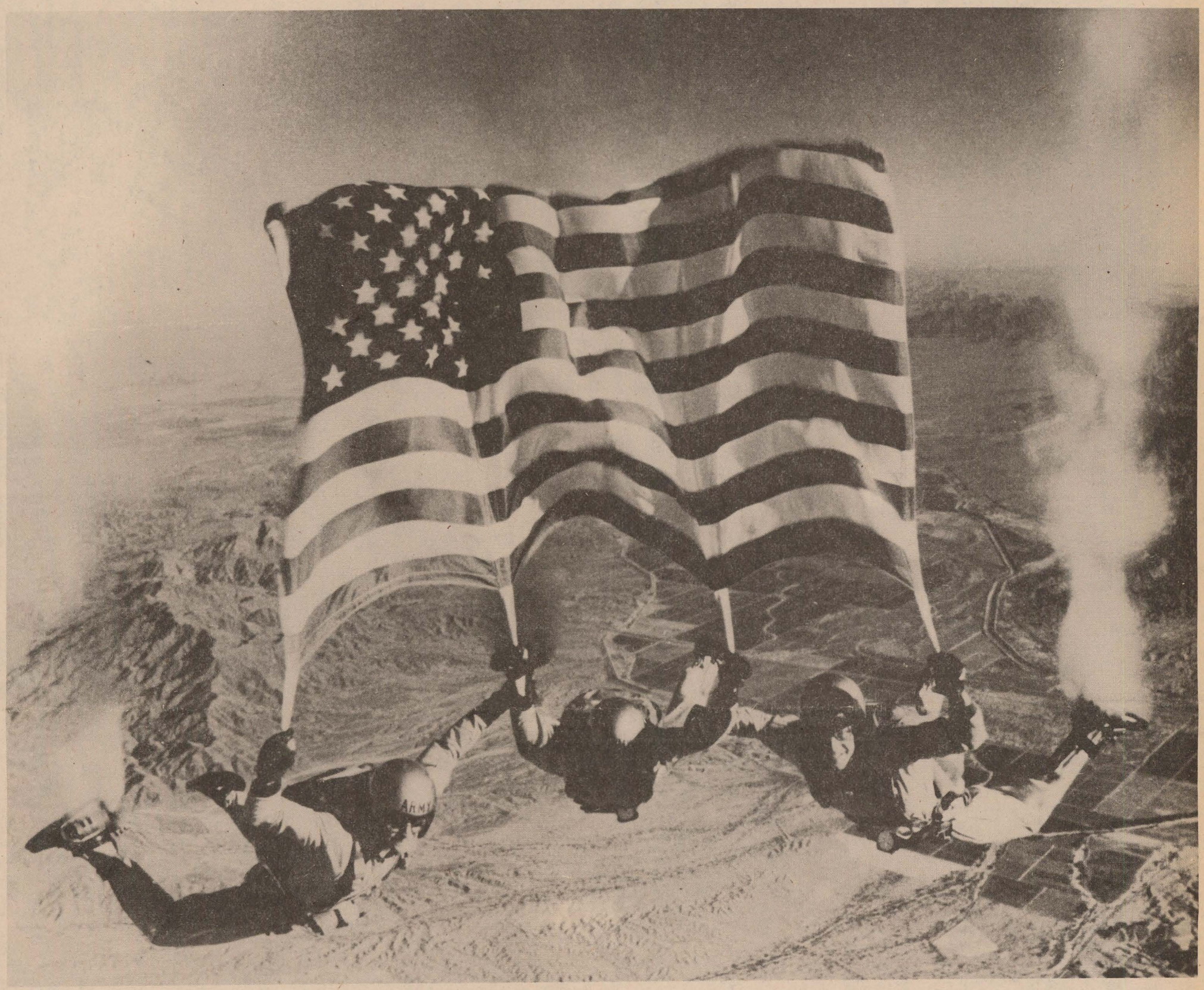


'Golden Knights' to appear on Friday

The Fort Bragg based U.S. Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights," have, in 20 years of performing, won more national and international honors than any other parachute team, military or civilian, in the history of sport parachuting.

In addition to their accomplishments in the field of competition, the Knights have presented over 2700 live parachuting demonstrations, more than either the Air Force Thunderbirds or the Navy Blue Angels. Unlike the Thunderbirds or the Blue Angels, whose star performers are officers, the Golden Knights' competitors and demonstrators are all enlisted personnel.

The Knights are the Army's only official parachute demonstration unit. In this capacity, they perform over 200 exhibitions of aerial acrobatics and precision free-fall techniques throughout the United States and the World before an average annual audience of ten million spectators. These performances form only one part of the complete mission of the "Golden Knights."

The 62 men and women assigned to the Team are divided into two demonstration teams, a competition team, a headquarters (administrative support) section and an aviation section.

The Knights' competition team has produced 13 National and four World Parachuting Champions and currently holds eight of the ten possible Men's World Parachute Accuracy-Landing Records, as well as both the Women's Day and Night Individual World Accuracy Records. In only their second year of national competition, the Knights' Eight-Man Sequential Relative Work Team won both the 1978 U.S. Nationals and the Fourth World Cup of Relative Work, also in 1978.

In addition to regularly scheduled demonstrations and the constant challenge of the competition circuit, the Team performs many special individual shows and combined tours on behalf of the United States Army Recruiting Command. Other missions include a continuing program of research and development to make free-fall parachuting safer and more productive, both as a sport and in its military application.

Each prospective Knight must be a qualified military parachutist, have a perfect military record, a minimum of 200 free-fall jumps and hold a class "D" International Parachuting License. The Team has three distinctively painted, easily identifiable, YC-7A, Caribou aircraft, which are utilized for most demonstration performances.

Armed Forces Day

On Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, 1979, the air above the Presidio of San Francisco will be filled with skydivers, rappellers, and the music of the Sixth U.S. Army Band. "Ground forces," which will occupy the Crissy Field area, will include Junior ROTC drill teams from several San Francisco high schools; a physical training course, a rope bridge, and Military Police jeep rides for spectator participants, as well as helicopters, artillery and other displays.

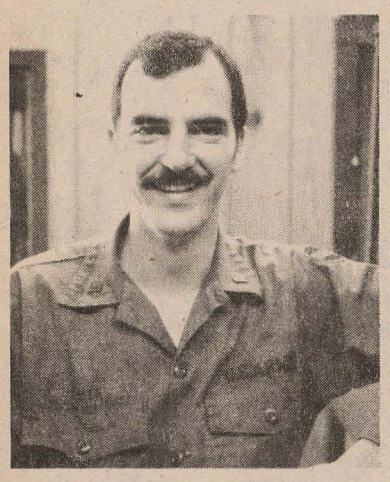
These activities and exhibits will highlight the celebration of Armed Forces Week May 12-19, 1979. Sponsored by Sixth Army Headquarters, the events on May 19 at Crissy Field will feature participation by units from Ft. Ord, California, the California National Guard, Army Reserve units from Hamilton Air Force Base, San Jose, and San Francisco, and the 12th Coast Guard District in San Francisco.

The main activity Friday, May 18, will be the skydiving performance by the U.S. Army Parachute Team from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, at the Presidio's Main Parade Field. This precision free-fall parachute team has performed for military and civilian audiences in all 50 states and 28 foreign countries. Members of the Golden Knights hold eight of the 10 Men's World Parachuting Accuracy-Landing Records, Day and Night Women's Individual Records, and Women's World Style Record.

The public is invited to attend all the activities at the Presidio of San Francisco on May 18-19.

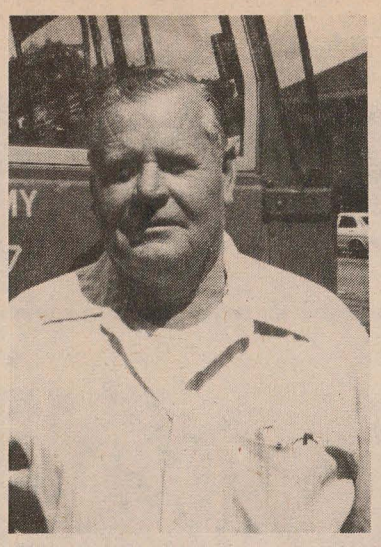
Ramblin' Sam

Do you think enough has been done for the Vietnam Veterans in this country?

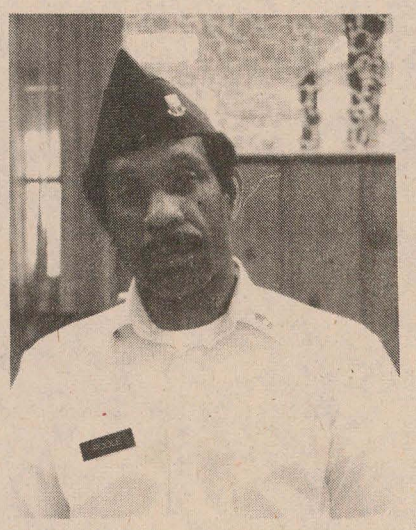


Sp4 Joe Falls 163rd MP Co — "No! I think more rehabilitation and therapy services should be provided for the mentally and physically disabled veterans and more attention to the Vietnam Veteran job market priorities."

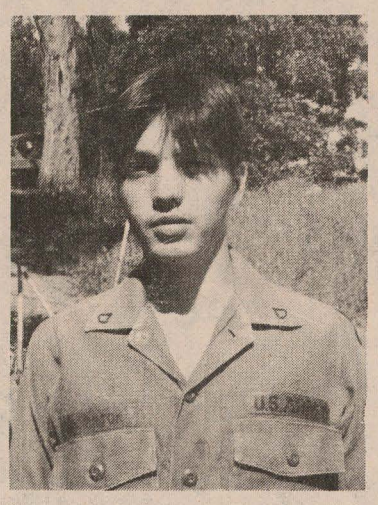
Mrs. Mae Reeves Guidance Counselor, Education Center — "No! They need more counseling to help them gain better jobs in the civilian employment market."



Mr. William Marshall TMP — "No! The job opportunity hasn't been opened up enough for them. They should also have better opportunities for housing loans and better medical care for the disabled."



SFC James Poole NCOIC 504th MP Bn Dining Facility — "No! When the Vietnam Veteran went home they had the GI Bill but didn't know how to use it or what to do with it. They found themselves with two years cut out of their lives and not knowing which way to go."



PFC William Hamilton 864th Engineers — "No! There should have been a better readjustment program for the Vietnam Veteran. Even now there should be something to help those who are still in need of help."

Sgt. John Cook NCOIC Color Guard — "As far as the education goes, yes, but people tend to look down on Vietnam Veterans and in trying to forget Vietnam they also forget the Veteran."

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to "Bewildered's" letter of last week, the following suggestions and comments are offered:

1. **Problem:** Post gas station lines are long because of dependents and retirees; more organization is needed.

Recommendation: Utilize public transportation or purchase gas off-post where lines are shorter, prices are comparable and you can go **after** duty hours.

2. **Problem:** Three-hour wait at LAMC. (Did you have an appointement?)

Recommendation: This situation is not indigenous to LAMC. Why not go to a private hospital where you only wait two hours and as a bonus, get a bill.

3. **Problem:** Can't get a racketball court because Reservists have same priority as Active Duty personnel.

Recommendation: Befriend a Reservist. Certainly there can't be that many Reservists employed as civilians at PSF who play racketball at noon time.

4. **Problem:** Waiting an hour for a shopping cart at the Commissary.

Recommendation: Bring your own folding cart or better yet, jog down the Marina Green to Safeway; hence you get the exercise you missed because of the Reservists, conserve the gasoline you waited so long to purchase, and relieve the stress you were subjected to while waiting at the hospital.

You are not the only Active Duty person frustrated by these problems. However, why disdain dependents, retirees and Reservists, who are also a part of the military family, for the cause of your exacerbation.

Barbara A. Desina
(Reservist)

Dear Bewildered:

My first reaction to your letter was anger; however, now I sympathize with you and I think that everyone is in need of sympathy at this time. We are experiencing a time of anxious frustration, which is not exclusive to the military. As a civilian employee, I too stand in gas lines for over an hour; usually before or after work because I can't afford to take annual leave to be away from my job.

When I, or one of my children, have a medical appointment, I always have to wait at least 45 minutes, and I still pay $22 for an office call.

Since I am not eligible to shop in the Commissary, I wait in long lines at my local Super Market, only to spend far too much money for far too little food.

Yes, Bewildered, I too say, "Is it worth it —Why do other people get more than I — Maybe I should be looking for another job." But I thank God that I have a job during these trying times, that I have money to spend in those grocery lines, that I have my health, and that I have a car to put gas into. I hope the letter you wrote helped you rid yourself of some of the anger you were feeling. We all share your anger and frustrations — PFCs, Generals, GS-4s and GS-14s, Retired and Unemployed.

Hang in there Bewildered, "Misery loves company," and you've got plenty. So kick back and be glad for what you've got!

Bewildered, but happy

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the service we active duty military types are now receiving at the Post gas station.

Yesterday I saw both the Post Commander and the Command Sergeant Major there, personally involved in the situation. Whoever dreamed up the new traffic scheme is a genius. I hope my letter last week had a small part in the decision. Thanks for giving me the uncensored forum for expressing my opinions.

Bewildered

Dear Editor,

This is to answer Mr. Payton's letter of May 4th on the subject of the misuse of crosswalks.

Let me state a patrolman's position and possibly one of the administrators can state theirs later. On the Presidio, in particular in the bank / cafeteria area, we have a large number of people crossing a major road to a busy area. We have two crosswalks that were changed to the present spot a short time ago. Many people cross at the old crosswalk areas. Along with that, many drivers during peak hour traffic periods, fail to stop for pedestrians waiting to cross.

The concept of stopping and warning drivers of the violation they have committed is fine, but the possibility of setting up a first time warning system could not possibly work. The patrolman is not able to carry a file of offenders. The MP desk could keep it, but I doubt that the radio tie-up during a busy day shift would be worth the time.

In closing, I would say the best enforcement is what we do now. We direct people to the proper crosswalk and hope they will use it. Also, motorists should make sure they stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. I just hope that drivers and walkers will read this and comply with the regulated areas.

Curtis J. Taylor
MP, 170th MP Co.

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Vietnam veteran calls for reflection

by Max Cleland

When I served in Vietnam, and for a long time afterwards, I was convinced this was a "different" war. It had limited objectives, was fought in an unconventional manner, and was surrounded by controversy from the beginning.

Since returning, I've talked to many veterans of different eras and have begun to think more about the similarities between Vietnam and other wars. Veterans who were in World War I at Belleau Wood, in World War II landing craft at Normandy and on the frozen trail from Korea's Chosin Reservoir remember the same confusion, fatigue, loneliness, and fear we felt at Khe Sahn in Vietnam.

The unique thing about Vietnam was — and is — its aftermath. It was a hard war to come home from and an even harder one to look back on.

In past wars, those who fought had the support of society both when they left and when they came home. They didn't have to continually ponder why they did what they did. Society provided the answers. For Vietnam, society provided no answers — only more questions. Too often, for veterans of Vietnam, feelings of frustration and bitterness over military service have been fueled by a sense of isolation from the rejection by the general public.

Society in general and government agencies in particular were not geared to handle the millions of young veterans pouring off the "freedom birds" as they returned home from Southeast Asia. Our ability to treat their physical wounds improved, after a time, to reasonably acceptable levels. But other adjustment problems have not yet been adequately dealt with.

Now, some four years after the official end of the Vietnam War Era, the resilience of its veterans is apparent. The great majority of them have adjusted well. Sixty-five percent of them have trained under the GI Bill and many have taken advantage of the VA home loan guaranty program. But some Vietnam era veterans continue to have problems. Alienation, lingering guilt and other emotional problems, compounded for those disabled by physical wounds, show up in many forms of social inadaptability. These veterans need and deserve our help.

The VA has adjusted its priorities to provide for these special needs. Legislation for psychological readjustment counseling and for extension of GI Bill time-limits for educationally disadvantaged veterans have both been strongly recommended to Congress. Outreach to all Vietnam era veterans about the GI Bill is underway nationwide. Educational and vocational counseling services, efforts to reach incarcerated veterans, twenty new alcohol treatment units, and other measures are in process to help these veterans.

Street of Flowers, Saigon Vietnam, 1970

(photo by Ted Elisee)

But the government alone is not able to address one problem facing Vietnam era veterans — the lack of full respect and honor for their service and sacrifice to their country. Vietnam Veterans Week is the opportunity for all Americans to express their gratitude to these veterans. And it is a time for us to reflect on the similarities and the differences of America's most recent war. It was different in the unique problems of the returning veterans. It was the same as other wars in that who served did so honorably — often heroically — and they deserve our full understanding, support and thanks as a Nation.

Patience noted at the pumps

Story and photo by Ted Elisee

Tempers were flaring and horns were blaring all over the state of California this week. The surge for gas became a critical one, particularly in the bay area.

Even the President of the United States recognized the problem and requested an investigation. The President has asked that an answer be provided by the end of this week to the residents of California. Whether the answer will be one that tells us why the situation exists, or whether or not it can be remedied remains to be seen.

The Presidio has felt the crunch too. Long lines formed at the post gas station pumps. ID card holders of all categories were lined up for their fill. Because the situation had become so severe a determination had to be made concerning priority for the gas distribution. Over the weekend Governor Brown made another suggestion for gas distribution — the odd and even system. This, added to the already existing system, made Presidio officials realize that something had to be done about the base exchange station.

Beginning this week, the station now had adopted a plan to help alleviate aggravation at the pumps. Beginning with active duty personnel, the gas pumps will be operating, with a military only line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, the odd/even system has been adopted for use at the post station.

Already there are indications that the flow of cars is better.

Cook adds color to Color Guard

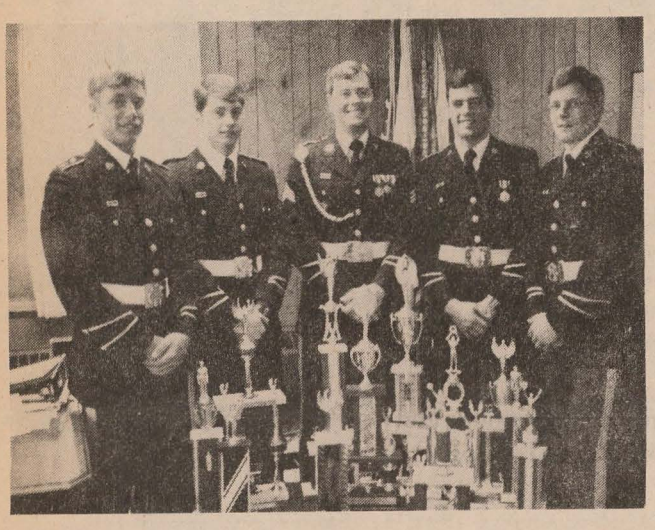
Story and photos by Don Terry

Thousands of people watched in silence as the young soldiers marched by in their sharp looking dress blues with red, white and blue spot lights flashing on them. The United States Army European Color Guard came to a stop in front of the Prince of Wales while the Star Spangled Banner was played.

"I was so proud to be an American and to be part of this country," said Sg. John Cook, NCOIC 504th MP Battlion Color Guard, "it would almost bring tears to my eyes," he said in describing the best ceremony in which he's particpated.

The ceremony was performed for the Prince of Wales and included two hours of entertainment by the Armies from Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales and the United States. "The Welsh people had been so gracious to us," commented Sgt. Cook. "There hadn't been a military group out there since the second world war." The marching in of the color guards of the various armies was part of the grand finale with the United States Color Guard marching in last. "I wished that every American could feel the way that I felt during each of the performances during the two weeks in Wales," commented Sgt. Cook.

Sgt. John Cook enlisted in the Army (for Germany) as a Military Policeman in 1973 only one month after graduating from high school in Sedalia, Missouri. Although attending high school in Missouri, Sgt. Cook claims California as his home since he was born and raised in 29 Palms, California.



Presidio Color Guard: **Pfc Mark Sargent, Sp4 Lewis Gladfelter, Sgt. John Cook, Sp4 Donald Murphy, and Pfc Barney Olin.**

After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Sgt. Cook attended the Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Upon arrival in Frankfurt, Germany, Sgt. Cook volunteered for the 529th MP Co. in Heidelberg which was an honor guard unit that also had the United States Army European Color Guard.

The color guard was the place for Sgt. Cook, therefore, he set his goals. He worked hard and after a while became the NCOIC. The color guard gave him an opportunity to travel throughout Europe and to meet a lot of people from different countries which provides a great deal of experience and education that cannot be obtained anywhere else.

"Sharp looking, intelligent young men who care about what they are doing, portray a professional attitude which is conveyed to the people," said Sgt. Cook. "The color guard then, can be used as ambassadors because they almost always end up visiting with the people as well as the dignitaries which produces a positive attitude of the people toward the military, which is greatly needed."

Sgt. Cook has received many letters of appreciation from dignitaries of different countries for the color guard performances. He has also received the Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding work while in the color guard in Germany.

While with the 529th MP Co., Sgt. Cook was also involved with many different activities; for example, he was in charge of the Heidelberg High School ROTC Ranger Platoon. The students in the platoon would get up every morning and run four miles. They would also spend their weekends in the field on bivuoac.

Sgt. Cook spent some of his spare time scuba diving and he belonged to the parachute club.

In September 1976 Sgt. Cook began a 30 day extensive physical training program to prepare himself for the French Commando School, "which was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and also taught me a great deal about patience and endurance," said Sgt. Cook.

Bicentennial

During the bicentenial the United States Army European Color Guard was wearing a bicentenial uniform which was white with a blue Early Colonial jacket with red and gold trim and it would take a half hour just to put the uniform on. There was also a harness to carry the flag with. "We were at a special ceremony for a foreign dignitary and it was really a big event which was being covered by national television," said Sgt. Cook. "Everything was all set with our white uniforms on. We went out and when they brought us our flags I realized that I didn't have my harness on. I had to act like I had a harness on and carry the flag in my hands during the entire ceremony."

There was another ceremony that Sgt. Cook well remembers. It was in a large beautiful club with several chandeliers in a row. There were several generals at the ceremony. "We had marched in under the chandeliers and at the end of the ceremony we marched out under the same chandeliers," Sgt. Cook recalls, "Just as we cleared the last chandelier it broke loose from the ceiling and crashed to the floor right behind us."

In June of 1977 Sgt. Cook reenlisted for Presidio of San Francisco. He arrived here in August of 1977 and was assigned to the 170th MP Company. After the first day the Sergeant Major of the 504th MP Bn asked Sgt. Cook if he would like to be in the Color Guard because of his experience with the United States Army European Color Guard. About a month later he became the NCOIC of the color guard.

The color guard at that time was wearing the army green uniform with a black helmet liner. "After I became the NCOIC," said Sgt. Cook, "I started making arrangements for the dress blue uniform and had them tailored. We also went to the hobby shop and made new harnesses." Also during the first three months Sgt. Cook had the color guard out practicing drill and ceremonies every day. After about three months of preparation and planning, the color guard showed up at a ceremony looking sharp with their tailored dress blues that fit in with the Sixth Army Band.

Sgt. John Cook

"I have had the opportunity of traveling throughout Europe and meeting all kinds of dignitaries," Sgt. Cook said, "so it was a real honor to be in a ceremony with the Vice President of the United States. We were at the Fairmont Hotel getting ready to march into the ballroom when Vice President Mondale walked up and started talking with us."

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The color guard has participated in many different kinds of ceremonies including: Security for Patty Hearst while at Camp Parks where the Federal Corrections Institute for Women is located, Mayor Moscone's funeral, ceremonies for Governor Brown, the Prince of Wales, opening ceremonies for conventions, and parades. "One of the things I like about a military color guard is that we get out to see the populace, like the parade we were in a couple of weeks ago. It was in a small town called Winters, California."

In February 1978 Sgt. Cook was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by the Post Commander for his outstanding work with the color guard on the Presidio.

Sgt. Cook is an avid reader of history books and plans to get out of the army to go to school full time until he gets his masters degree. "Being in the army has helped me to grow up and has given me a good insight into life," said Sgt. Cook, who also plans on law school and possibly getting involved in politics on a state level.

Sgt. Cook feels that happiness comes when a person uses his mind and body to its fullest potential.

Clean Up

The Spring Clean-up campaign is on! Do your part to keep the Presidio beautiful. Pick up — Clean up and get rid of the old junk.

PRESIDIO SPORTS

POST LEVEL SOFTBALL

Let's support the Post Softball Team on Saturday, May 12, as the men's team takes on McClellan Air Force Base and the distaff team battles Beale Air Force with both games starting at 1 p.m. on Ft. Scott Fields #1 and #2.

PRESIDIO INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

LAIR's Elwood J. Duppstadt, throwing with deadly accuracy, kept hitting the corners to silence the big bats of REGION IX for a 7 to 1 victory. The Professional staff of LAMC's overpowering bats completely demolished the PATHOGENS 23 to 3.

The race horses of the 864th Engrs are at it again, this time with some daring base running in the Presidio Intramural Softball League. Taking advantage of every hit and error the Engineers edged the 170th MP Co 8 to 7 in their opening game.

In a genuine slugfest, the troops of GARRISON took on the combined forces of the 504th MP Bn and the Dental Clinic for a 13 to 11 victory.

OTHER GAME RESULTS
FBI 16 - PHS 10
Drug Enforcement 17 - PX Service Station 5
US Attorneys 5 - 51st Engineers 19
LAIR #1 1 - LAMC #2 24
LAMC #1 9 - USACC 4
PX Main Store 4 - 666th Radar Station 7

Volleyball

A volleyball competition between a team from Southern California and a team from Northern California will compete at the Post Gym on Friday night, May 18th at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Olympic Team. Cost is three dollars. For further information contact Rec Services.

ALL-ARMY TRACK TEAM

The All-Army Track Team ventured to the annual West Coast Relays in Fresno last week. The Relay team performed beyond expectations by finishing first in their section of the 400 meter relay, third in the 1600 meters and fourth in the 3200 meter relays.

The weight men continue to improve and have been very impressive to their coach. High expectations are foreseen for their actions in the Interservice Meet, 8 June 8-9, at California State University at Hayward, CA. Swirling winds held down performances in the long jump.

The women's team performed very well at the Cupertino Yearling meet at Cupertino. They won in six events and garnered enough runners-up points to earn the championship. This was truly an outstanding effort by all team members, who gladly brought home the team trophy.

This weekend action will be at the California Relays in Modesto, CA on Saturday, May 12.

COMMANDER'S SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual 36-hole Commander's Spring Golf Tournament will be held on May 23-24 at the Presidio Army Golf Course. First tee-off time, each day, will be 8 a.m. This event will feature two divisions, Open (39 years and under) and Senior (40 years and older).

Competition will be scratch play. Handicaps will be used for pairing purposes only.

Entries are due NLT May 21 at the Sports Branch office, Bldg 63 or by calling ext. 4120/5032.

FUN RUN RACE

This months Fun Run Race will be held on Wednesday, May 16. Start/finish will be Post Gym #1, Bldg 63, beginning at Noon. The distance will be 3 miles over a one mile rolling loop course. It is a fast and scenic route. All runners are invited to participate in these always exciting races. Any questions, etc., call ext. 4120/5032 and ask for Bob Darling.

Youth Little League

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES
12 MAY 1979
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:45 a.m. Teams assemble at Pop Hicks Field in Uniform.
8:45 a.m. Sixth US Army Band to provide music for guests.
9:00 a.m. Invocation by Chaplain.
9:05 a.m. Introduction of teams and league officials by Speaker/League Official.
9:15 a.m. Opening Day remarks by Colonel Hamilton.
9:20 a.m. Opening Day teams (Phils-Totems) take position for the first game of season.
9:25 a.m. National Anthem by Sixth US Army Band and Color Guard.
9:30 a.m. First ball pitched by Colonel Hamilton — Opening Game begins.

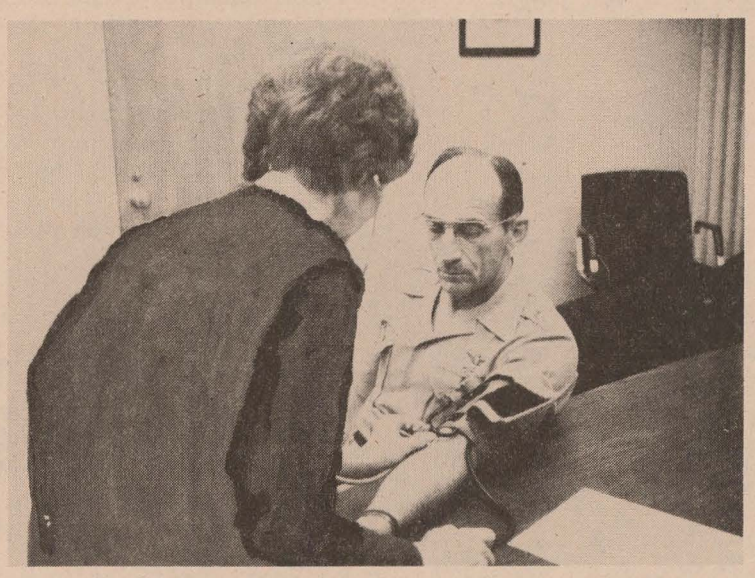
Achieve good health and longer life

Efforts to achieve good health and a longer life reflect a current trend among Americans today. People are exercising more, improving their eating habits, and giving up smoking. As a result, they feel better and are helping themselves to a healthier life.

For some persons, one way to achieve a long and healthy life is to take medication regularly. That's one of the things a doctor might prescribe if a patient has high blood pressure. When high blood pressure is not detected and treated, it makes a person especially susceptible to a stroke, heart disease, kidney disease or other disabilities.

Treatment on a daily basis, often with medication, sometimes by diet — usually for the rest of their lives — is what's required for people with high blood pressure. There is usually no cure for the disease. But, medication is only effective each day it's taken. If patients do not understand this aspect of the treatment regimen, they may think that a lowered blood pressure means it's been cured. That's not true. If they stop taking medication, their blood pressures will probably go back up again. High blood pressure must be treated one day at a time, every day.

In addition to medication, physicians often advise patients with high blood pressure to stop smoking, lose weight, reduce salt in their diet, and exercise more. This is good advice because it helps the medication work more effectively. If medication has been prescribed, the other measures usually can't control blood pressure by themselves. Sometimes patients make a mistake and choose to stop smoking or lose weight instead of taking their medication. That's a serious mistake — they should do all the things the doctor tells them, not just one or two.



Kicking-off Blood Pressure Health month, **Colonel C. Slewitzke, ANC, Ch, Department of Nursing checked the blood pressure level of B G Floyd W. Baker, Commander LAMC. (photo by Ted Elisee)**

Some diseases have obvious symptoms, such as a cough or as rash that can be treated. High blood pressure is not like that — it usally has no symptoms. But, some people think that they should "feel" something, such as a headache or dizziness before they take their medication. They're wrong. They should take it every day even though they don't have symptoms.

People often think that high blood pressure is related to being nervous or tense. They are probably confusing hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure, with nervous tension. The fact is, nervous people, as well as calm people, can have high blood pressure. The only way to know if someone's blood pressure is up is to measure it. No one can tell for sure by the way he or she feels.

People who are treating their high blood pressure every day, the way the doctor advises, have joined the trend to better health among Americans. They are avoiding potential disabilities and are leading normal, full lives, even though they are under daily treatment.

Aviation unit receives award

The 49th Helicopter Company, the Delta Schooners, has been awarded the Army Aviation Reserve Component Aviation Unit of the Year award. This National Award is presented to the most proficient, outstanding National Guard or Army Reserve aviation unit in the nation by the Army Aviation Association of America.

The Company Commander, Major Larry Faller, and SSG Mike Wilburn were presented the award at the Army Aviation annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Lieutenant General Forrester, the Commanding General of the Sixth US Army, made the presentation during the honors banquet. During his acceptance speech, Major Faller made a point to congratulate and thank all the men and women of the 49th for their efforts and contributions. The 49th also was presented a trophy from the President of Boeing Helicopters, Howard P. Sturvurde. Boeing manufactures the Chinook in Philadelphia. The trophy was representative of the 49th's contributions to Army Aviation while operating Boeing CH-47's.

It was noted that the 49th was recognized for its training in Germany last September. The Delta Schooners were the first Army National Guard aviation unit to deploy to Europe for its annual training. This deployment was in support of Reforger, a massive NATO reinforcement exercise assigned to augment units in Western Europe in the event of any aggression in Europe. The 49th operated from Schwaebisch Hall, which is in between Stuttgart and Nurenberg.

The National Guard has two vital missions. The most familiar is its State mission as the state militia under the command of the Governor of California. The 49th has helped on forest fires, floods and is prepared to assist in any emergency within the state. The Guard's federal mission is to augment the regular Army in times of national emergencies when activated by the President of the United States. It is for this purpose that this local Guard unit trained in Germany last September.

Other 49th projects included naming helicopters for various cities and countries in the Valley. Also, a CH-47 named the "City of Stockton" flew "Willy the Jeep" in to the city hall in March.

The 49th is a unit of the California Army National Guard stationed at the Stockton Army Aviation Support Facility at the Stockton Airport. The 49th flies the Boeing CH-47 "Chinook" medium cargo/transport helicopter. The Chinook has provisions for 33 troops or passengers, or 24 stretchers or can carry 10,000 pounds of cargo either internally, or externally by means of a cargo hook located in a hatch under the belly of the aircraft.

The 49th will display a CH-47 at Crissy Field on the Presidio on Saturday, May 19, 1979, Armed Forces Day.

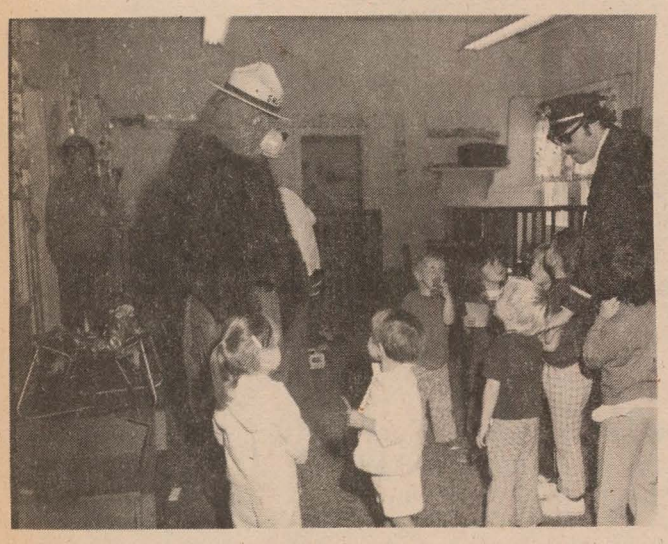
'The Boy Friend'

Ron Cabelka and Lisa Lannan prepare **to go into a lively dance number as they sing "Won't You Charleston With Me?" in the Presidio Players' production of "THE BOY FRIEND."**

The final performances of the Presidio Players' production of the musical comedy, "THE BOY FRIEND," will be on Fridays and Saturdays, May 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m. at the Presidio Playhouse - and 2 Sunday Dinner Theatre shows on May 13 and 20. The Dinner Theatre Shows are presented in conjunction with the Presidio Officers' Club. A buffet dinner is served at the Club at 5:30 p.m., followed by the performance at the Playhouse at 7 p.m. All performances are open to anyone interested. Tickets for "only the performance" on Sundays may be purchased 48 hours prior, if that date is not sold out.

"THE BOY FRIEND" is a witty and tuneful satire of the musicals of the 1920's that the entire family can enjoy. Tickets are available at the Playhouse Box Office from 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances. For further information call 561-3992 during box office hours.

Smokey to visit children at PSF



Smokey the Bear will be a guest **to the Presidio on May 22 when members of the Presidio Fire Department will be conducting a fire safety class for the post nursery, pre-school and kindergarten. The Program was developed by the California Division of Forestry,. The Program covers introduction to fire, fire prevention, introduction to Smokey, conservation, and smart cookie - careless cookie.**

Volunteer honored

Personal involvement by a three-star general brought a visit and official recognition to Mrs. William J. Gray of 1940 Vallejo Street, San Francisco. The general, Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, commander of the Sixth U.S. Army, recently learned that Mrs. Gray had never received official recognition for the final years she had served as Chairwoman of the American Red Cross volunteers at Letterman Army Medical Center, May 1969 to March 1971.

In a joint ceremony at her home, Lt. Gen. Forrester and Brigadier General Floyd W. Baker, commander of Letterman Army Medical Center at the Presidio, presented Mrs. Gray with Certificates of Appreciation. The official certificates paid tribute to her final years as a volunteer, culminating more than 30 years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Gray became a Red Cross volunteer during the opening days of World War II and continued to serve during peace-time and two more wars involving American service men and women. Her dedication and ability were instrumental in her appointment as the chairwoman of American Red Cross volunteers at Letterman, a post she held during most of her years of service as a volunteer.

Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, **commander of Sixth U.S. Army, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. William J. Gray at her San Francisco home. The certificate paid tribute to the more than 30 years of volunteer service Mrs. Gray performed as a Red Cross volunteer. (A.S. Army photo by Sp4 Michael Willoughby)**

News notes

Call your mother

Want to have a free call made to your mom on Mother's Day? You can talk to her for three minutes for free this Saturday at Roos/Atkins Department Store on the corner of Fourth and Market Street. The program called "Open Heart Line will be operating from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone can call their mom if she resides within the 48 continental states.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed this summer to help at LAMC and with the RC Swimming Program. Ages 15 - 18 are eligible for hospital service. Youths 11 and up can assist with swimming. The program begins June 18. For information call the Red Cross office, 561-2187.

Army seeks NCO's

The Army is seeking about 900 NCOs for the Non-commissioned Officer Logistics Program (NCOLP), according to MILPERCEN officials.

NCOLP is designed to provide a pool of NCOs who are highly qualified to assume a wide range of logistics duties in the event of mobilization, officials explained.

Currently, 25 MOS containing about 1,930 positions are included in the program but only about 65 percent of these positions are filled, officials said.

Officials say soldiers interested in applying for the program should be prepared to fill technical staff posi tions which have a broad and direct bearing on the Army-wide logistics missions.

To be eligible for the program, soldiers must:

a. Be in one of the following MOS: 32Z, 35P, 41C, 45K, 45L, 45Z, 55B, 55G, 55X, 55Z, 62B, 63C, 63H, 63Z, 67Z, 71N, 76D, 76J, 76P, 76V, 76W, 76X, 76Y, 76Z.

b. Be in grade E6 or above.

c. Have scored at least 110 on their last PMOS evaluation or 70 percent on a current SQT.

d. Be a high school diploma graduate or have a GED equivalency.

e. Have served at least five years in their PMOS or a combined five years in the PMOS and another MOS within the same career management field.

f. Possess a secret clearance.

g. Have a GT score of at least 100 - soldiers may be retested for this purpose.

h. Have no record of conviction by a military or civilian court during their previous or current enlistment.

i. Be physically qualified for world wide assignment.

Selection is by DA Board after a thorough review of the soldiers official military personnel file and application.

NCOS selected for the program received skill qualification identifier "K" and are managed by a special team within MILPERCEN, officials said.

Soldiers may apply directly or be nominated by their commanders or Command Sergeant Majors. Nominated soldiers must provide a statement that they voluntarily agree to participate in the program, officials added.

Nomination and application procedures are included in Procedure 3-35 of DA Pam 600-8. Prerequisites for the program are outlined in Chapter 13, AR 614-200.

Applications must be sent to MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-EPM-L, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331.

MILPERCEN ruling

Two eligibility requirements for soldiers requesting compassionate reassignments will change June 15, 1979 say MILPERCEN officials.

The family member eligibility criteria will be expanded to include the soldier's minor brother or sister. The brother or sister must be 21 years of age or less.

Soldiers gaining custody of a dependent child or children as a result of a divorce or legal separation will no longer be eligible for a compassionate reassignment after June 14. The change in procedures is the result of the Army's policy on sole parents.

According to officials, however, soldiers who win custody of their children prior to June 15 are still eligible to request a compassionate reassignment.

Changes to the compassionate application policy are currently being distributed to military personnel offices in the field.

Toastmaster / Toastmistress

The post commander has recognized the importance of education and effectiveness and assertiveness training. In a letter to all activities, Colonel Hamilton stressed his support for the Toastmaster / Toastmistress Clubs on the Presidio.

All individuals involved with the clubs will receive appropriate training credit after proof is provided that the members and attendees have completed the prescribed programs.

A joint meeting of the Presidio Toastmasters Club and the Presidiannes Toastmistress Club will be held May 23 at 11:45. For further information about the clubs and training contact Marjorie Burts ext. 5831, Frances Seitz ext. 5775 or Henrietta Wiley 5205.

Legal Assistance

Military legal assistance is available to National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve retirees age 60 and over with 20 or more years of service. Dependents and widows/widowers are also eligible.

Legal assistance officers are available for consultation and assistance on personal legal problems "of a civil nature." Routine actions handled by legal assistance officers include landlord-tenant relations, wills, purchase of automobiles, powers of attorney, tax counseling, etc.

Legal assistance officers cannot advise you on matters pertaining to private business pursuits. (FORSCOM B-18)

National police week

President Carter has proclaimed the week of May 13th thru the 19th to be National Police Week.

The 15th of May has been set aside as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. This will be a day to remember the men and women across the country who were killed in performance of their sworn duties. Throughout the remainder of the week, other tributes will be paid to law enforcement officials by the communities they serve, and the changing role of the police within society will be examined.

Among the most significant changes has been the concept of proactive policework coupled with the use of police as technical facilitators. Proactive police work uses street patrols to identify and attempt to correct crime conducive conditions before a crime is committed. Police in roles as technical facilitators work with citizens groups and individual citizens to teach them methods of protecting themselves. Taken together, these are vital crime prevention functions, and they provide a way for police to maintain a high quality level of service to the community in times of tight budgets and reduced manpower. By promoting close cooperation between the citizen and the police, the citizen benefits by making his community a safer place to live, and the police benefit from more accurate information, increased apprehensions and more successful prosecutions.

The Provost Marshal thanks you for the support you have shown to the Military Police in the past and hopes you will continue to support them in this excellent manner.

Spring golf tourney

The 1979 Sports Branch Commander's 36-hole medal play Spring Golf Tournament is scheduled to be conducted at the Presidio Golf Course on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 - 24.

All active duty personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio are eligible to participate in the Senior Deivision (40 years of age or over) or the Open Division (39 years of age and under).

Individuals desiring to enter the Tournament are urged to contact the Presidio Sports Office, telephone 4120/5032 for sign-up.

VA loans

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) —Veterans with sufficient service after Sept. 15, 1940, and active duty soldiers who have served continuously for more than 180 days are eligible for VA guaranteed mobile home loans.

Certificates of eligibility are usually issued to most veterans. If for some reason a veteran does not have a certificate of eligibility, he may request one from the nearest VA office. This request should be made on VA Form 26-1880, and should also be accompanied by discharge or separation papers, or evidence of current active duty status.

To obtain a mobile home loan, veterans must:

(A) Obtain a certificate of eligibility from the nearest VA regional office if they have not already received one from VA;

(B) Find a mobile home meeting VA standards and arrange for the rental or purchase of a mobile home lot;

(C) Arrange a VA loan through the dealer or apply directly to a lender for a VA loan.

Veterans applying for a loan must certify that they actually intend to live in the property or will personally move into the home within a reasonable time. A mobile home can be located on any VA-approved rental site, or on any lot owned or to be purchased by the veteran. The lot must meet VA standards.

Although no set income requirements exist, approval of a loan is related to the Veterans' present income, expenses and credit rating.

VA determines cost factors as a basis for establishing maximum loan amounts for the purchase of new mobile homes. Loan amounts in connection with the purchase of a used unit or lot is determined by VA.

Veterans who previously purchased a mobile home may, depending on the loan amount, have enough available entitlement remaining to purchase another mobile home. Veterans who obtained VA loans for the purchase of mobile homes may not use their remaining entitlements unless the previously acquired unit has been sold. The remaining entitlement may be used for any other eligible purpose. Veterans who previously used their entitlements should check with their nearest VA office to determine available entitlement.

A veteran may obtain a release from liability on a mobile home loan if the purchaser takes over the contract to purchase the property and assumes all of the veteran's liabilities in connection with the loan. Also, the loan must be current and the purchaser must be a good credit risk. The veteran himself must be sure that the purchaser of the home has agreed in writing to assume all further liability on the GI home loan.

If a mobile home is sold, and the buyer permitted to assume the loan, the original owner will remain liable for the loan unless he or she requests that the VA release him/her from liability. A release from liability will not restore entitlement the veteran used in obtaining the loan. To have the previously used entitlement restored, the veteran must sell the mobile home and/or lot. The loan must either be paid in full or assumed by an immediate veteran-transferee who agrees to substitute his/her entitlement for the used originally by the seliing veteran.

Further information concerning VA mobile home loans may be obtained from VA regional offices.

Rec Center news

LAST CALL FOR MAGIC MOUNTAIN: Valencia, CA announces Military Weekends, May 12, 13, 19 and 20. Advance tickets are now on sale at your Presidio Recreation Center for ONLY $5.50. This is a substantial savings over the regular price of $8.95 for adults, and $7.95 for children. Magic Mountain is located ½ hour north of Hollywood on Interstate 5.

LIVE ROCK BAND TO APPEAR AT REC. CENTER: By popular demand "NIMBUS" will return to your Recreation Center, Bldg. 1299, on May 26 at 8:30 p.m. So mark this date on your calendar, and don't miss the action.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES:: Will start June 16. The classes will be on Saturday 11 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m. The classes will cost a total of $20.00 for five lessons. To register come up to the Log Cabin after 5 p.m., or call 2000/5420.

ALL POST CHESS TOURNAMENT: Anybody interested in entering the all Army Chess tournament, which will be conducted at Ft. Meade, should contact the Presidio Recreation Center. The Presidio Chess tournament will be held on June 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Log Cabin, Bldg. 1299. If you would like to be sent to Ft. Meade in September, then you must place in the Presidio Chess Tournament. A USCF rating is not required.

WINE TOUR: You may now register for our NAPA County Wine tasting tour on Sunday, May 27, at 8:30 a.m. A returnable deposit of $2.00 will retain your seat on the bus. We are only taking 45 people, so make your plans NOW!

Unit commanders from Sixth Army meet here

by Ted Elisee

Troop inspiration

Presidio soldiers who made remarks in a recent Ramblin' Sam inquiry gave LTG Eugene P. Forrester, CDR Sixth Army, an inspiration.

Forrester, speaking to Commanders from all over the Sixth Army area, a three day conference, reminded the Commanders of the importance of combat readiness, and personal integrity. Said Forrester, "Though the National Guard, and the Army Reserve are dissimilar, there are many common areas between you where individual and group experience and expertise are compatible and can (and should) be shaved."

According to Forrester, he was reminded of the importance of the role of National Guard and Reserve by the Ramblin' Sam question, "What is the most important mission at the Presidio?" The General related to the attendees that several of the soldiers had responded - "Premobilization, because we have to be ready to go in a national emergency." he went on to say, "they could not be closer to the truth than that. It's good to have the troops help us from time-to-time to keep our priorities straight.

Additionally, the General stressed the importance of recognizing a soldier's personal dignity and job integrity.

At the end of the General's remarks, the conference attendees embarked on a three day seminar. The goal of the seminar was a more effective reserve and National Guard Program.

Why?

The second TAG/MUSARC was conducted on the Presidio this week.

Reserve and National Guard Commanders from all over the Sixth Army area gathered for the purpose of improving their support role, especially in the field of combat readiness.

Recent problems with recruiting, retention, training, and possible re-institution of the draft prompted the attendees to meet and discuss effective ways of dealing with the irritants. Led by LTG Eugene P. Forrester, CDR Sixth Army, the top brass formed problem solving groups to exchange ideas, update priorities, and become familiar with various techniques employed by different units.

photo by William Jarrett

The theme for the entire conference was "retention." The commanders studied various other aspects such as promotion and civilian employer support of the Reserve and National Guard Program.

Marathon runner

Sitting down and spending time at his desk is part of BG Robert M. Carter's (USAR) job as Commander of 311th Support Brigade in Los Angeles, but that is only part of his character.

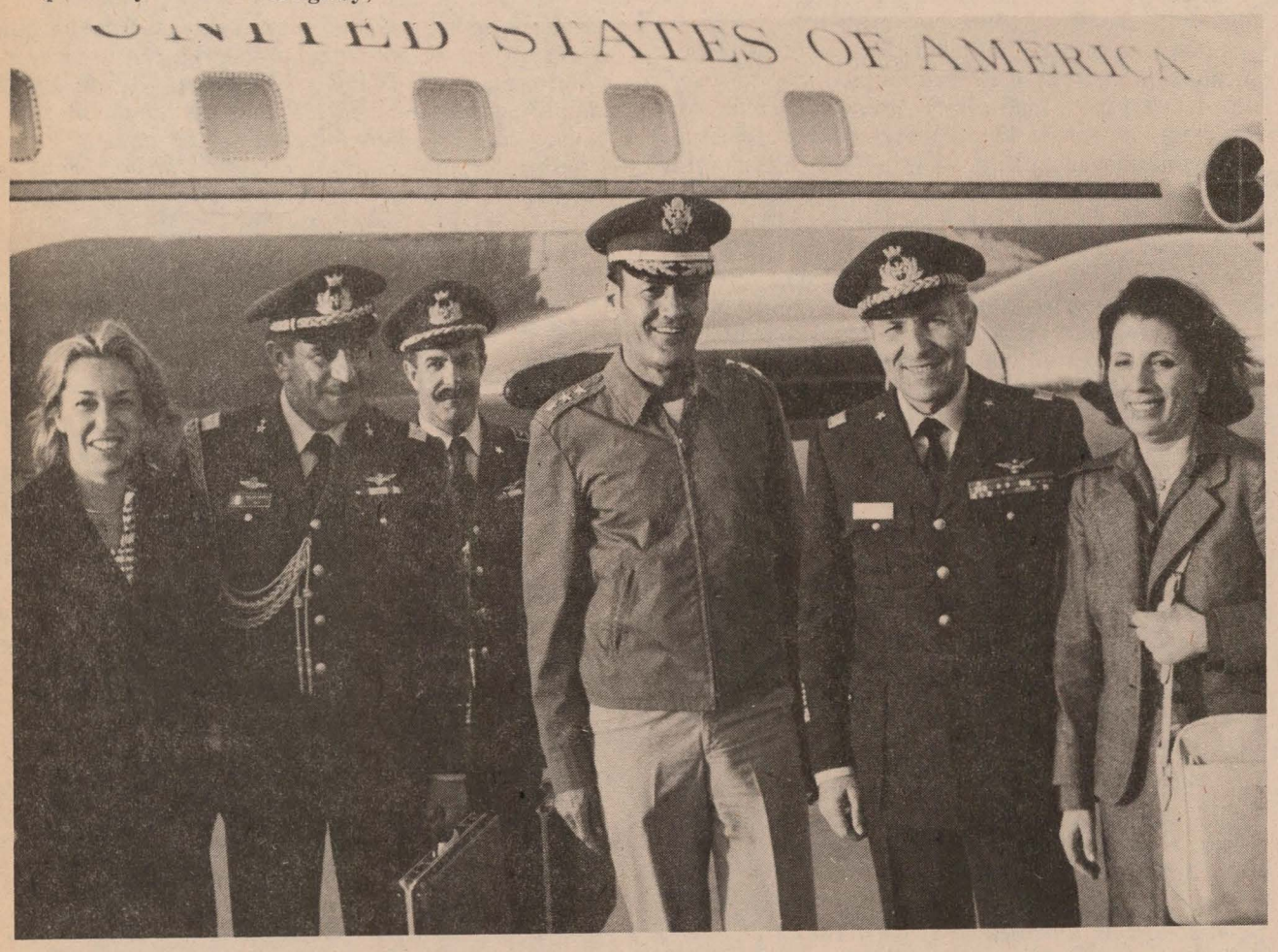
General Carter spends much of his time on his feet as a professor of public administration at the University of California and also as an avid runner. Carter, a native of Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA recently qualified in Southern California competition and as a result, was able to compete in the widely publicized "Boston Marathon."

The forty-nine year old officer believes that running as a form of exercise is beneficial, but also recognizes the value of other forms of exercise. Said Carter "running is a challenge to the body and the mind. I always set a goal for myself and feel satisfaction when I reach it."

When asked why he runs, the General replied, "I hope to set an example for my family and my unit. I want to convey the importance of good physical and mental conditioning to them."

Carter's participation in the Boston Marathon was a successful one. He completed the 26 mile 385 course very close to a 3 hour time.

(photo by Mike Willoughby)



WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO . . . Lieutenant General Eugene P. Forrester, center, Commanding General, Sixth US Army, Presidio of San Francisco, welcomes General Francesco Cavalera, second from right, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Defense, Italy, on a recent visit to San Francisco. Accompanying General Cavalera are Mrs. Cavalera, right, Brigadier General Giorgio Santucci, second from left, Defense and Air Attache to the United States, and Mrs. Santucci, and Colonel Thomas O. Budellazzi, Adjutant, Ministry of Defense. General Cavalera's visit to San Francisco was part of his tour of several United States' military installations.

Troop Talk

by Tom Tiernan

For those of you who were wondering where Troop Talk was last week, I have an explanation. In order to insure a sufficient amount of news to fill the column we have decided to run Troop Talk every other week. This also gives the units enough time to prepare and gather all the news that's happening in their area. In the near future we also plan to bring in a new column which will deal with the activities of our civilian employees.

Before I get into what's happening around post, I'd like to announce the arrival of my son, Patrick Joseph, who was born at Letterman Hospital last Friday.

Three soldiers at HQ Co., USAG, have been busy sewing on new stripes. Spec 5 Gary Cole, Jeff Knaoura, and Harold Conklin, earned their promotions for a job well done, and more of the same can be expected from them.

The 51st Engineer Det., has a new man in Pfc Daniel O'Connor who just arrive from Fort Leonard Wood.

A whole bunch of new faces can be seen around HHD, 504th MP BN. New arrivals included CW02 Armand Burlot, SSG Richard Linton, Sp4 Stephen Nehring, PFC Rickie Jenkins, and PV2 Darrel Bittle. The units bids farewell to Sgt. 1st Cl. Milton Hankins who is PCSing to Germany and to Sgt. Joseph Reilly who is ETSing.

Congratulations go to Sgt. Dianne Williams on receiving the Army Commendation Medal. Sgt. Williams is assigned to the USACC folks.

Department of the Army Certificates of Achievement have been awarded to four soldiers assigned to the 163rd MP Co. Earning congrats were: SSG Miguel Kuinonies, Sgt. Mike McNicholas, Sp4 Stephen Newsome, PFC Byran Campbell, and Sp4 Wendell Rollins, who is also leaving soon for Germany. The unit also bids farewell to Sp4 Rose Simon who is PCSing to Fort Carson.

A familiar face has returned to the Presidio. Sgt. Howard Maddox has joined the 163rd MP Co. for another tour here. The unit offers congratulations to Sgt. Jon Mosier who has awarded a DA Certificate of Achievement. Sgt. Mosier is also leaving the unit for an assignment in Germany. Also headed to Germany are Sergeants Thomas Lakey and David Hover. Sgt. Howard Arriman is headed for Panama via the MPI school.

Sgt. Kent Bullard of Co. D, 864th Engineers has received a DA Certificate of Achievement. The units gains Sp4 Alfred Garland but loses ETSing Pvt. Robert Teeter.

That's it for this week. We'll have more information in two weeks.

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'Silent Heroes'

by J. Phillip Langellier

South of the Golden Gate Bridge some twenty-eight acres nestle admidst the trees. On this quiet rolling stretch of land over 25,000 veterans and dependents find their final resting place, at a site known today as the San Francisco National Cemetery.

Originally, the US Army saw no pressing need for a cemetery in the Bay Area until several years after its arrival. Then in 1852 Private John Brown of Company "H", 2d US Infantry died along the Colorado River. His body was transported to the Presidio, and within three decades 216 known, plus 13 unknown soldiers were interred along with Private Brown.

Finally, on December 12, 1884 Lieutenant General William T. Sherman, then commanding the Army, signed General Order No. 133, thereby setting aside nine and a half acres as a "National Cemetery of the 4th Class." Only five years later the site took on greater importance with expansion since defunct military burial grounds began to transfer remains from Northern California and portions of Arizona. Consequently, Congress voted $38,000 to build a road to the San Francisco Cemetery along the south boundary of the Presidio. Additional funds were also provided through this same legislation to build a fence and to plant trees, not only at the cemetery, but around the entire installation as well.

Over the decade several notable individuals came to be buried in San Francisco. Generals abounded. Irwin McDowell a Civil War leader and one time commander of the Pacific Coast; Hunter Liggett, distinguished World War I commander of the First Army; and William Shafter, the man who took US forces to Cuba in 1898, account for but a few of the high ranking occupants of these acres.

Funston

Frederick Funston, the dynamic Brigadier who acted with speed to aid the stricken city of San Francisco on April 18, 1906 (see the Star Presidian April 20, 1979) also returned to the Bay Area after his death just prior to World War I. Funston, incidently, won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his exploits during the Phillipine Insurrection at the turn of the century. He represents but one of twenty-five recipients of the nation's highest military decoration for heroism who lay buried at this cemetery.

Funston, a short, stocky redhead who have been dwarfed by another occupant of the burial grounds, a woman who stood over six feet tall. Originally known as Sarah Borginnis, some confusion exists as to her actual name. This problem stemmed from the fact that she married several times throughout her life. One nickname did stick, however, for she became best remembered as the "Great Western," a title which may have been taken from the huge steamer of that same name which was the second vessel ever to cross the Atlantic without sails. Quite possible, Sarah resembled this ship when she too got under full steam.

The "Great Western's" first husband was a trooper with the 7th U.S. Infantry. She accompanied him to Corpus Christi in the autumn of 1845 as a laundress to his company. Sarah also supplemented her meager income by cooking for several of the young officials in the regiment. This practice proved necessary because the Army did not provide funds for the dependents of either enlisted or officers. In both instances it was up to the individual to maintain his family in whatever manner possible, so moonlighting became a way of life, especially for those in the ranks.

When her husband was transferred, possibly for a disability, Sarah remained with the officers mess declaring that the "boys must have somebody to take care of them." She purchased a mule and a cart, packed her luggage, cooking utensils, and with whip in hand drove her beast of burden on with the skill of the best teamster on the expedition.

Her notoriety spread, especially after remarkable coolness under fire during a battle at Ft. Brown, Texas. For several days in May, 1846, while the other women were hurried to shelter and busied themselves at making sand bags, the Great Western continued in the open at her post. She cooked meals for the officers as usual, as well as distributed coffee and soup to the men on the firing lines. Sarah even asked for a musket and ammunition in case an enemy got within her range. One account even claimed that she distributed cartridges to the troops. In general, she won the respect of the men and earned yet a second title — "Heroine of Ft. Brown."

Evidently, she became separated from her husband, perhaps due to his death, and ended up alone. Supposedly, she found another spouse among the ranks of the 2d Dragoons. With her customary forthrightness she allegedly rode along the front lines of this line calling out — "Who wants a wife with fifteen thousand dollars, and the biggest legs in Mexico?" Soon a smart soldier responded and Sarah became Mrs. Davis, although this may have taken place without benefit of clergy.

***Hunter Liggett led the* 1st U.S. Army to France in World War I. He as the senior military commander on the Pacific Coast just prior to assignment with the Allied Expeditionary Forces. Presidio Army Museum.**

No matter what the case she ultimately wound up in El Paso where she established a hotel catering to the Forty-niners. One of her customers was none other than William T. Sherman, a young junior officer in the 3d Artillery. From Texas she travelled on to Arizona where one manuscript recorded she became the first woman to settle todays Yuma. Indeed, the first structure completed there may have been her restaurant, a piece of land she acquired in 1855. Just a year later she sold out, and probably moved across the river where she again became a cook for the officers of Ft. Yuma.

The 1860 census recorded that she again married an Albert Bowman, a German by birth, who listed his occupation as an upholsterer. Sarah herself claimed to hail from Tennessee and be approximately forty-seven years old. Little else regarding her activities appears until December 22, 1866. The day of her death the "Great Western" received full military honors at her funeral, and was conveyed to the Ft. Yuma cemetery. A quarter of century later the Army exhumed her remains and transferred them to the San Francisco National Cemetery.

Cushman

Another notable woman, Pauline Cushman, served as an undercover agent for the Union during the Civil War. A native of New Orleans, she agreed to return South as a spy, using her profession as an actress for a "cover." A scenario which called for a toast to Jefferson Davis from the stage gave her the entry into Southern society. Dismissal from the theatrical company followed, and she received orders to leave town. In reality, Pauline was smuggled across the lines in the role of a Southern gentlewoman in search of her brother in the Confederate Army. Although she suffered many hardships, she gathered much information that was valuable to the Union Secret Service. She made frequent forays across the lines at night on horseback, and by day was the friend and associate of such Southern officers as John Morgan, the raider, and General Forrest.

On one assignment she was instructed to collect information on the status of the Shelbyville, Tenn.,

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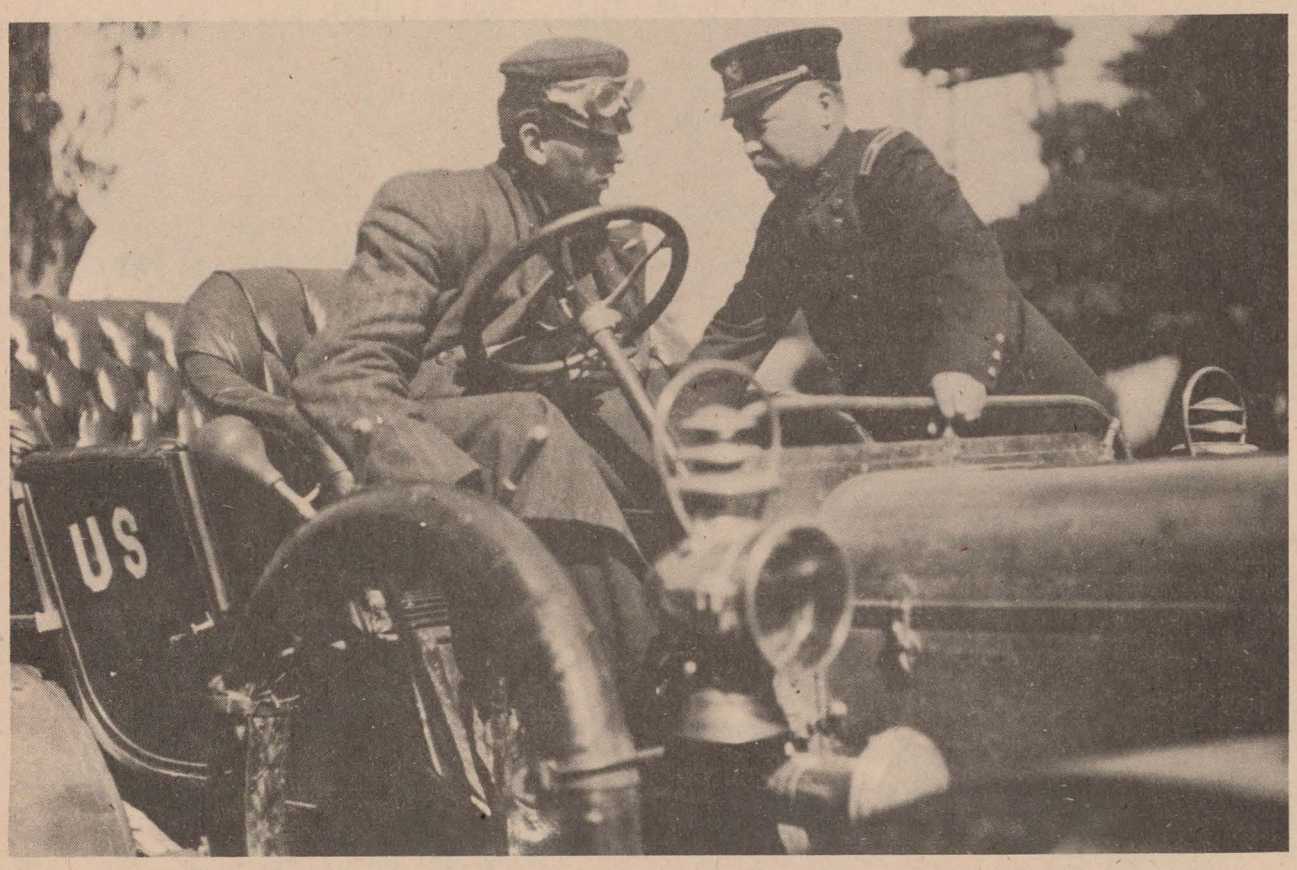
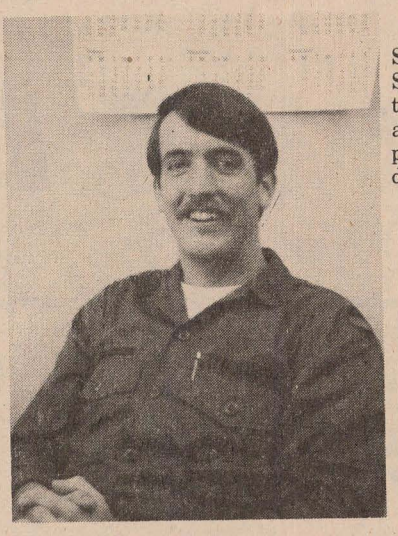


***Frederick Funston, on the right,* provided dynamic leadership in April of 1906 after an earthquake and fire wreaked havoc in the Bay Area. San Francisco History Room, Public Library.**

Ramblin' Sam

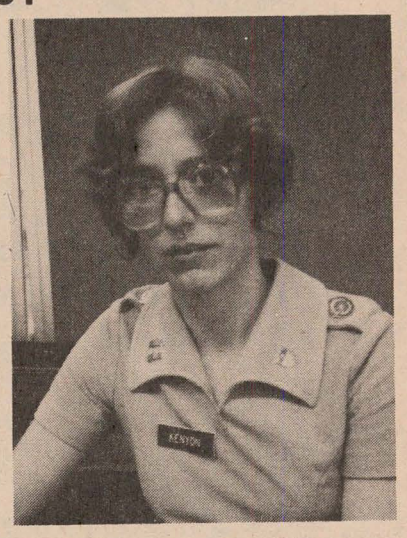
Sp4 Curt Taylor, 170th MP Co. - "I would like to be in an Army where the rules and regulations are made from common sense and not from tradition."



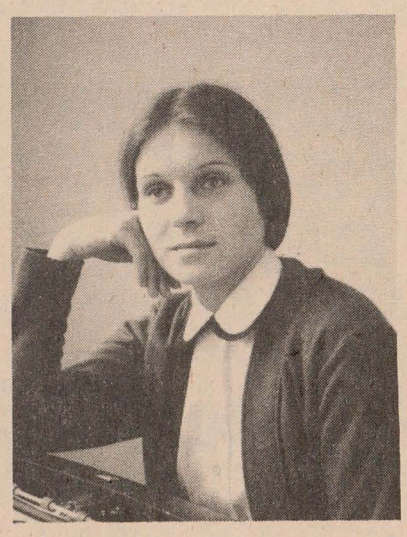
Sp5 Pat Jorgensen, Admin. Specialist, USAG - "To be able to attend a rock concert with all the top rock and roll groups performing with me as the drummer."

If you went to Fantasy Island, what would your fantasy be?

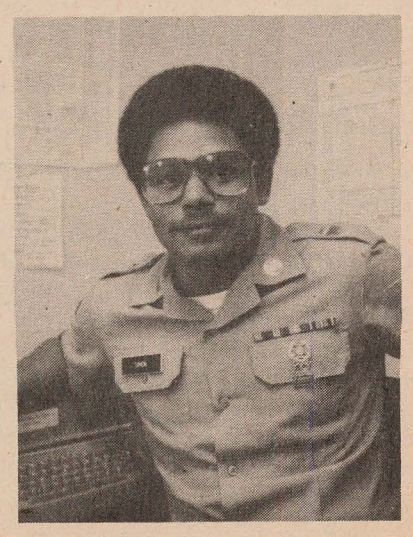
Capt. Karen Kenyon, Adjutant, HQ Sixth Region, USACIDC - "I would like to look like Farah Fawcett Majors, have the shape of Raquel Welch, and the wealth of Christina Onassis, and then have a shriners convention with the only word in my vocabulary being NO!



Sp5 Marilyn Tigner, Secretary Finance and Accounting Office - "I would like to be the first woman president of the United States."



Sp5 Patrick Simon, Personnel Specialist, USAG - "To be the owner of an oil refinery."



Chaplain (Col.) Paul Easley, Deputy Post Chaplain - "I would like to see the world change to where people become sensitive to each other and work together in harmony. I don't mean a world without disappointment and sorrows and the things that are needed to grow, but a world in which people care about each other and not be out to get each other."

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I know you aren't writing a complaint column, so maybe you will print this and maybe you won't. If you do decide to print this complaint, maybe the people it concerns (and I know they know who they are) will stop to think.

First of all, I live on Ruckman Ave., here in the Presidio. Down the back alley (Appleton Ave.) the speed limit is 10 MPH. There is a sign that says "Watch Out For Children," but the people on this street, not all, but most of them, come down this street as if it was a raceway. I've called the MPs with license numbers and addresses (I have them all) but nothing is done. There are a lot of children on this street (two of them are mine) and one of these days I'm so afraid one of them will be hit, because of these reckless drivers who don't seem to care. When you say something to them all they do is threaten you.

If they slow down, they won't get home any later and they may prevent some mother and father of having to go through the hardship of losing one of their children.

Deborah L. Tinnen
1274 B Ruckman Ave, PSF

Editor's Note: School is almost over, so please drive even more carefully.

Dear Editor:

I could not let the letter from "One Who Knows" concerning the MPs go without response. (Letter appeared in 18 May SP)

The letter gave the MPs viewpoint. Permit me to express the view point of many members of the community, a viewpoint of appreciation and thanks.

To the men and women who wear the badges, thanks for the knowledge that we can sleep safely and secure because you are keeping your vigil; thank you that we know our children will be lot safer on the way home from school because you are controlling traffic, stopping the speeder, the drunk driver and the reckless driver; thank you for the calm efficiency with which you do your job of protecting all of us who often who are too busy or too thoughtless to tell you how much your efforts mean and thank you for the pleasant courtesy with which you do your job.

You have a tough, frustrating job and sometimes you probably mutter, "Why me?" Some of you already know and others of you will find out somewhere down the road but the answer is simple. You walk the lonely night patrols and place your life on the line, you serve as guide and counselor, as referee and peace-maker, and through it all you remain a soldier, one of the community's finest. And why?

Because you have that immeasurable, indefinable something extra that makes each of you a notch or two above many of those who benefit from your efforts. It keeps you going, it keeps you sharp.

MPs, we need you, we appreciate you and we salute you.

A Community Member

Action Line

Why can't we have the pumps open to military only during the hours of 1100 to 1330? This way the military would have the first priority for gas at the pumps and also could plan to get their gas during the lunch hour? The station could provide gas to all other individuals at other stated times.

MSgt. Ray Neeley

In accordance with AR 60-20, Presidio Exchange makes every effort to insure all authorized patrons are properly served.

The commander, Presidio of San Francisco, has instituted two Active Duty (in uniform) Military lines, Monday thru Friday, 100 to 1700 hrs. to insure military personnel have adequate opportunity to purchase gas. The odd/even plan instituted by Command has also reduced the waiting period.

These actions are considered to be sufficient.

S. D. Bowen
Deputy Director DPCA

Editor's Note: Action Line can be reached by dialing L - I - N - E.

Star Presidian

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A fortune in them thar mouths

by Betsy Beuke

Ever wonder what happens to the silver fillings dentists drill out of your mouth when they find cavities blossoming behind or underneath those fillings? Well, they don't go down the drain or out in the trash.

Army medical centers (MEDCENs) and medical department activities (MEDDACs) of Health Services Command recovered approximately $1 million in precious metals during fiscal year 1978.

Anything containing silver, gold and platinum was collected through the Precious Metals Recovery Program, according to Army Medical Department officials. Also recovered were such metals as vitallium and chromium which are used in making partial plates.

U.S. Army Health Services Command monitors the Army Medical Department's precious metals recovery program in CONUS, to include Hawaii, Alaska, and the Panama Canal Zone.

In FY 1978, Health Services Command recovered 55.06 pounds (803 troy ounces) of gold and 9,942.79 pounds (145,000 troy ounces) of silver, officials said. The projected goal for 1979 is 68.57 pounds of gold and 11,382.79 pounds of silver.

To recover precious metals, different methods may be used, according to officials.

In dental clinics, gold from a patient's crown and silver fillings are reclaimed from a central trap handling the water running off from the cuspidors by the dental chairs.

Silver is recovered from spent x-ray fixer solution, exposed x-ray film, outdated x-ray film and dental scrap. MEDCENs collect 20-30,000 pounds of x-ray film per year; MEDDACs average 12,000 pounds.

Using electrolytic equipment, silver can be recovered from spent fixer solution. Silver is collected when it reaches three-eights to a half inch thickness on a disc or drum cylinder. It takes an average of about two gallons of fixer solution to come up with 31.1 grams (one troy ounce) of silver.

A drain line may be set up to run off the fixer tank into a chemical cartridge system — basically a plastic pail containing a wool insert. The silver then collects on the insert as the solution flows through the cartridge. When full, the cartridge will weigh about 60 pounds.

To handle the recovery, a precious metals program director is appointed at the MEDCENs and MEDDACs. He's responsible for collection, storage and disposal of the recovered metals. According to officials, precious metals are stored similar to the way controlled medical items are stored in a hospital.

All collected metals are turned over to the local Defense Property Disposal Offices or to the Precious Metals Recovery Office in Colts Neck, N.J.

After refinement, the recovered precious metals are made available to various DOD agencies as government furnished material (GFM), at a much lower cost than the current open market value. This, in turn, reduces the purchase cost of new items containing precious metals used by the Army Medical Department.

Scholarship winner

Donna Sims, daughter of **Ltc and Mrs. Donald R. Sims is the recipient of a one thousand dollar scholarship from the EM and LAMC Wive's Club. Donna was selected from a group of applicants for the scholarship, She will major in Economics and go on to study law. She will attend Yale.**

Crime Scene

by Don Delver

The Provost Marshal's Crime Prevention Section would like to answer some of the questions which have been raised concerning the 3 day cooling off period, and to discuss some other important topics in crime prevention.

First, the gas shortage has led to increasingly frequent thefts of gasoline from vehicle gas tanks. We strongly recommend the purchase of a locking gas cap from your favorite auto parts store to prevent your gas from being siphoned off.

Secondly, the fraudulent use of government telphones for personal calls has increased recently, and the list of suspects included dependents and reservists as well as active duty personnel. This matter is taken seriously by the Army, and each case is thoroughly investigated. The most common offense involves charging a call made on a government phone to a made up phone number, and Military Offenders may be prosecuted for this under the UCMJ. When a civilian is the suspect, the case may be turned over to the FBI for investigation and to the US Attorney for prosecution. Several of these cases have been solved recently by MP Investigators, who used sophisticated computer technology and the help of outside agencies to track down the offenders.

Bicycle thefts have increased in recent months, the majority of them involving bikes which were left unsecured. Hardward stores now have access to specially hardened Boron alloy steel chain, as well as nickel/chrome hardened steel chain. Coupled with a stout, hardened padlock with a shackle at least 1/4 inch thick, these chains can be used to secure a bike through the frame and both wheels to a fixed object, making it virtually impossible to steal. Chains should be at least 9/32nd inch in diameter, and a minimum of four feet long. They are far superior to the cable locks which are commonly used, and easier to work with than the special bike locks which are available.

To clarify some points made in the article on the 3 day cooling off period, first of all, the merchandise to which the law applies must be sold to you in your home or apartment. Secondly, the salesperson is required by law to inform you of the 3 day cooling off period, and to tell you how to cancel if you decide to do so. Further, the contract must also contain forms which you can use to notify the company in writing of your decision. The 3 day period begins the day following the contract signing, and does not include Sundays or holidays.

The final suggestions deal with vacation crime prevention. Burglaries tend to increase in the summer, partially because burglars know that many people will be away from their homes for an extended period of time, and opportunities to steal increase. We strongly advise you to have a neighbor watch your house, pick up deliveries, water and mow your lawn, and generally keep the place looking occupied. Timers to turn lights and radios off and on are good deterrents, as are better locks for doors and windows. Finally, inventorying and marking your valuable, pilferable items will help police recover your property if it is stolen. The Crime Prevention Section has many more ideas which you may find useful in protecting your property. Please call them at 561-5011 for more information. Don't be a pigeon.

Army sets out to improve living quarters

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The Army realizes that some soldiers are getting married simply to move off-post and cash-in on the quarters allowance and separate rations that married soldiers receive. Combating this trend, however, would be practically impossible without disadvantaging soldiers who are truly married.

Army leaders feel that soldiers who are foolish enough to risk an arrangement that could create future legal problems simply to receive a larger pay or to live off-post are really the losers.

In fact, the pros and cons of contract or convenience marriages have been discussed in numerous Army newspapers. Words of warning from legal officials, chaplains and commanders may not prevent soldiers from entering a convenience marriage but future reports, from soldiers who have, may act as a deterrent.

Soldiers in the same grade and years of service receive the same base pay. This pay compensates soldiers for job performance. Unlike civilian life, the Army is more than a job. It's a way of life. Soldiers are often required to pack up and move. Soldiers with families would find it extremely difficult to find housing and provide for the well-being of their families if the Army didn't "take care of its own." Quarters are provided based on a soldier's grade and needs. Where quarters aren't available, for single soldiers or soldiers with dependents, quarters allowances are provided.

Where "adequate" quarters are available, married or single soldiers below the grade of 0-4 are required to live in military housing. Normal adequacy standards are prescribed by DOD. In case of necessity, however, hinstallation commanders may waive these standards.

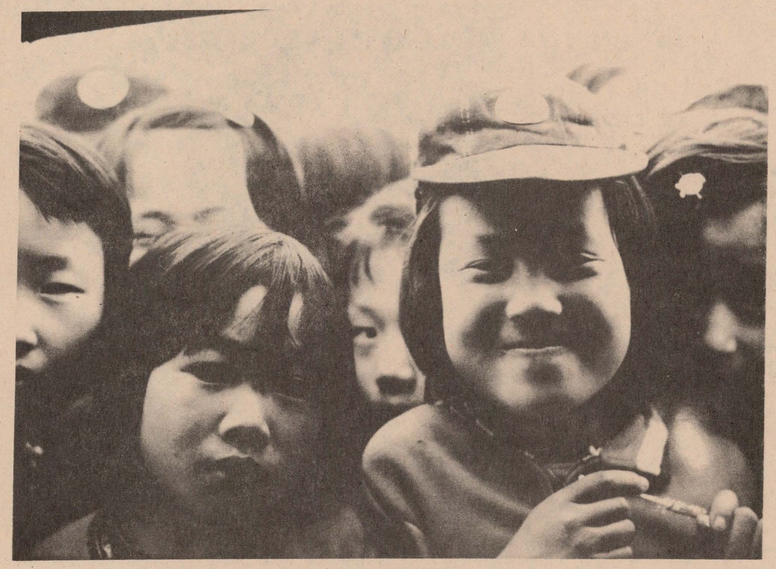
Since 1971, much emphasis has been placed on improving troop housing. Soldiers at that time frequently cited poor living conditions and lack of privacy in barracks as reasons for not making the Army a career. A program was developed to improve living conditions by modernizing barracks to bring them up to contemporary standards and by constructing new barracks to replace the old World War II structures.

The program's main emphasis was on providing privacy, security and comfort for the soldier in quarters comparable to those of his contemporaries in civilian life. Presently, about 80 percent of the requirement to adequately house soldiers has been achieved or is programmed. New barracks have been constructed at the following CONUS locations: Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort Belvoir, VA; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Campbell, KY.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Gordon, GA.; Ford Hood, TX.; Fort Sam Houston, TX.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort ORD, CA; Fort Polk, LA.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Presidio, CA.; Redstone Arsenal, ALA.; Fort Rucker, ALA.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Stewart, GA.; and Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Today's modern barracks complexes offer soldiers a greater degree of privacy and are furnished in a manner that closely resembles a college dormitory. They are constructed in clusters consisting of four three-man rooms grouped around a common area.

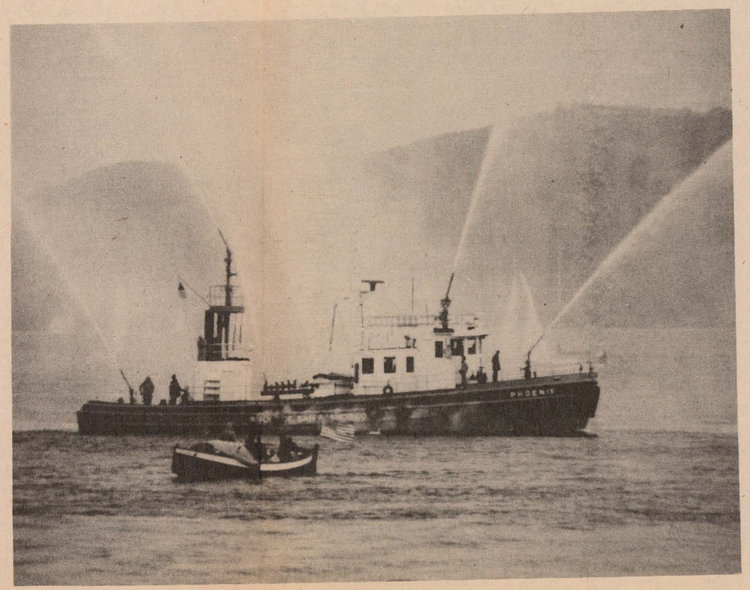
Each bedroom contains 270 square feet of living space with an adjoining bath. Although much as been accomplished since 1971, much remains to be done. Housing wears out and each year modernization and new construction must be programmed. This takes time and money. Barracks life for single soldiers admittedly has its disadvantages and the Army is aware that some single soldiers do not find the pay and allowance system a fair one. However, soldiers must remember - quarters allowances and separate rations are not considered by law to be part of a soldier's pay for the job he or she is doing.

PSF photo finish contest results



"Looking In" - Albert Nokutis, Ret.
1st Pl. - Color - People

Editor's Note: Complete list of winners will be printed in next week's Star Presidian.

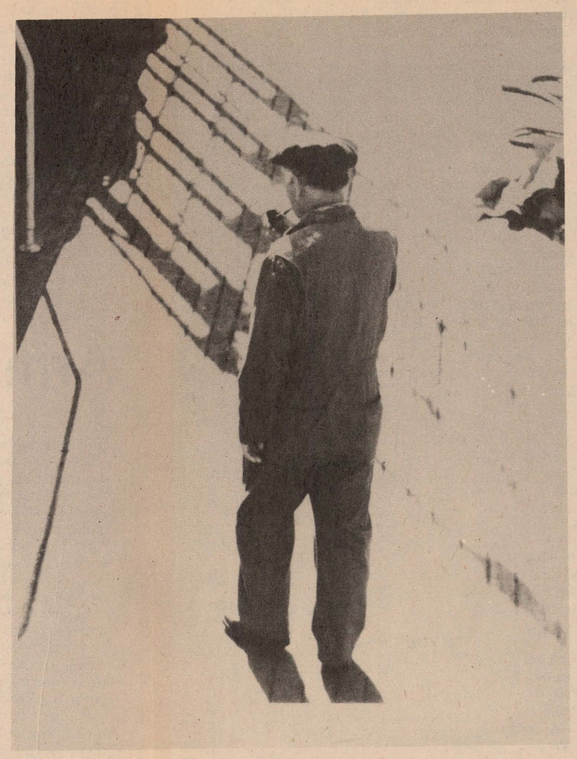


Diane Granger, Dep.
Color Print - Honorable Mention

"Papasan" - Albert Nokutis, Ret.
2nd - Color - People

John Dominge - Civ. PSF
1st Pl - Scenic - B & W

"Bodie" - D. L. Black, Ret.
2nd Pl - Scenic - B & W



"Harry" - D. L. Black Ret.
Color, Honorable Mention

D. L. Black, Ret.
2nd - General B & W

PRESIDIO SPORTS

Aquarius

On Sunday, May 13, Sara Adams competed in the Napa Junior Senior Meet. She swam to a first place finish in both the 100 meter freestyle and backstroke. The times that she obtained in these events qualify her for entry into the "AAA" Santa Clara Invitational on June 9-10 and the Junior Nationals in Clovis, Ca. on June 17. Aquarius is very proud of Sara's fine accomplishments.

Eleven Aquarius swimmers traveled to Santa Rosa Junior College for the B-A+ Swim Meet sponsored by the Wikiup Warriors on May 19-20. Seven Aquarians brought home ribbons and three of the ribbon holders stroked to new "A" times.

8 and Under

LISA BELL — 3rd in 25 yard freestyle with a new "A" time of 18.0 seconds.

NICK RUSSO — 3rd in 50 yard backstroke with a new "A" time of 45.6 seconds, 8th in 25 yard breaststroke, 1st in 25 yard butterfly

11-12 Years Old

POLLY SLISZ — 1st in 50 yard butterfly with a new "A" time of 33.7 seconds, 4th in 100 yard freestyle, 7th in 100 yard breaststroke

BRIAN RUSSO — 2nd in 50 yard backstroke, 2nd in 50 yard butterfly, 7th in 100 yard backstroke

MARK RUSSO — 3rd in 50 yard butterfly

15-18 Years Old

DEBBIE HAVIS — 5th in 100 yard freestyle, 2nd in 200 yard backstroke, 7th in 50 yard freestyle

BRYAN MEEGAN — 8th in 100 yard freestyle, 4th in 100 yard breaststroke, 7th in 50 yard freestyle, 7th in 100 yard butterfly

Men's softballers in impressive win

The "Men of Presidio" softball team improved their record to 3 wins and 1 loss in the Northern California Armed Forces League by trouncing Oakland Army Base 18 - 2 in the first game of a double header and 23 - 9 in the second game.

In the first game, Garrison's Ron Lockwood knocked three balls over the fence for ground rule doubles and added another inside the park double to drive in four runs and score three. Teammate Terry Loken batted in three runs, scored three, including a sole homer over the right fielder's head in the second inning. DENTAC's Rich Harding added to Oakland's woes, going three for four, scoring three runs and powering in three RBI's.

In the second game, Rich Napper's two run homer started things off for Presidio as the big guns of the team started to drive the ball all over the field. Rich Napper's four for five, 5 RBI's and four runs scored made him the star of the second game. Garrison's Lockwood and Loken were not too far behind. Loken was five for five and Lockwood four for four, driving three balls over the fence for ground rule doubles.

SSG Ron Lockwood is the leading batsman for the Presidio team. So far this season he is 11 for 11, 9 doubles, 1 home run, 9 runs scored and a super 15 RBI's. The team batting average through four games is .522. The team travels to Travis Air Force Base on June 2 for their next scheduled game.

The girls' team, idle this weekend, has been practicing, preparing for the Memorial Weekend Women's Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament at Piper Park in Larkspur.

Intramural Slow-Pitch Softball - Results
Presidio League

504th MP Bn	16	**170th MP Co**	4
LAMC #1	11	864th Engrs	1
LAIR #1	7	Dept. of Medicine	0
Region IX	25	Pathogens	1
USACC	15	USAG	6
LAIR #1	8	864th Engrs	2
504th MP Bn	3	Region IX	2
Dept of Medicine	12	170th MP Co	1
LAMC #1	8	USAG	6
USACC	12	Pathogens	7

Ft. Scott League

666th Radar Sqdn	13	51st Engrs	2
LAMC #2	21	Drug Enforcement	17
PX-Serv. Station	22	LAIR #2	3
PX-Main Store	14	PHS	12
FBI	19	US Attorneys	8
PHS	18	LAIR #2	2
FBI	5	PX-Serv. Station	4
666th Radar Sqdn	14	US Attorneys	7
51st Engrs	14	LAMC #2	8

TEAM STANDINGS
Presidio League

Team	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	5	0
USACC	4	1
504th MP Bn	4	1
Region IX	3	2
LAIR #1	3	2
USAG	2	3
Dept of Medicine	2	3
864th Engrs	1	4
170th MP Co	1	4
Pathogens	0	5

Ft. Scott League

666th Radar Sqdn	5	0
51st Engrs	4	1
FBI	4	1
PX-Main Store	3	1
LAMC #2	2	3
PX-Serv. Station$2	3	
PHS	2	3
Drug Enforcement	1	3
US Attorneys	1	3
LAIR #2	0	5

Tennis tournament

One of the strongest tennis tournaments ever on post, is taking place here at the Presidio.

Each division has exciting veteran players who may be able to place highly at the annual FORSCOM Tennis Championship, June 18 - 22 at Ft. Lewis, WA. Here is a breakdown of each division and its top players.

Open Division

There are two very top-notch players in this division. Both are undefeated having swept thru their first three matches.

Gary Jones and Thomas Egan, (LAMC) are two fine players.. They will meet in semi-final action soon.

Jones is new to the post, but is experienced, young and a good hitter. He makes you play his game and is the favorite to win the Championship. Thomas Egan is a perennial champion in tennis. His background includes numerous post and FORSCOM championships in singles and doubles. It should be an exciting match.

Other players to watch are: Bob Horn, Lynn Rasmussen, James Stearns and Richard Karsh.

Jr-Vet Divison

This division has two of the strongest tennis players seen on post in years. Bentley Hill, (6th Army) and Nick Lapins, (LAMC) are experienced champions who should strike gold at the FORSCOM Championships in singles and doubles. They meet in semi-final action, with Hill rebounding back in singles and doubles.

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Veterans Division

Our senior players are showing fine competitive spirit and the action has been surprising.

Boris Stojic, (LAMC) and Jack Osteen, (6th Army) played a close semi-final match with Stojic winning, 7 - 6, 6 - 4. Stojic is undefeated and is awaiting a challenger from the losers bracket, who will be either Jack Osteen, (6th Army) Bud Dixon, (6th Army) or Rudi Ansbacher, (LAMC).

Women's Division

Defending champion Sue Goulding, (LAMC) has shown fine determination in an effort to repeat. Her two wins were close struggles, but she pulled each contest out. She has a fine background, having played in the runner-up doubles team last year at the FORSCOM Tennis Championship. Her closest opponent should be Barbara Gross, (LAMC).

Novice Division

This large group doesn't have any favorites, as each player is competing at a level of play related to their experience. Early leader is Douglas Marshall, (LAMC) who has won two straight matches.

Challenge

US Army Garrison saw a first Wednesday of last week as DIO and COMPACT tangled in a challenge softball game, followed by a picnic for players and spectators. COMPACT took an early lead and never looked back as they defeated DIO 14-2 in the first game. After a short break, DIO came back to take a 13-8 win in the second game. Everyone agreed that there were no losers, since a great time was had by all. Any sections in the Garrison wishing to challenge should contact MSG Grapes at COMPACT (4018) or MSG Freeman at DIO (5247).

SUMMER YOUTH BOWLING Sign-ups will begin on June 2, with two weeks of open bowling and workshop for beginners. Anyone interested can sign up between the hours of 9:30 A.M. - 12 Noon at the Presidio Bowling Center. For further information, please contact the Presidio Bowling Center ext 5042, or Mitzi Hada 665-4970 after 7 p.m.

Youth baseball results

The Presidio-Oakland Youth Baseball League opened their season at 9 a.m. last Saturday. The Post Commander threw out the first ball and opened the season.

The first game was played by the Phils (coach Bruce Wicks) against the Totems (coach Tony Cason), with the Phils outrunning the Totems nine to one.

The second game of the Oaks (coach Farrel Wooford) against the Seals (Clint Beckett) was a battle through the entire six innings, with two outs and a man on third in the bottom of the sixth, the Oaks with a line drive down the first base line driving in the winning run. The Oaks won the game 9-8.

The Solons (coach Rod McNulty) in game three out-batted the Stars (coach Alex Mondragon) 23-9, however the Stars had come back in the top of the sixth to drive in five runs. Unfortunately the clock ran out.

The Presidio Padres (coach Phil Kim) were just too much for the Oakland Army Base (coach Roko Smeljamma) team to handle. The Padres outhit the Oakland team 14-2.

The first game of major league play was Monday night. The Bud's Bears (coach Ron Walters) beat the Astro's (coach Ocie Creer) 15-4.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Division A

Team	Won	Lost
Mets	0	0
Oakland	0	0
Astros	0	1

Division B

Bud's Bears	1	0
Terriers	0	0
Grattan	0	0

MINOR LEAGUE

Division A

Team	Won	Lost
Phils	1	0
Oaks	1	0
Seals	0	1
Totems	0	1

Division B

Padres	1	0
Solons	1	0
Stars	0	1
Oakland	0	1

News notes

On Campus college schedules

Schedules are available at both Education Centers - Bldg 1007 for LAMC, Bldg 1216 for Ft. Scott - for summer sessions at San Francisco State University, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, College of Marin, and Indian Valley College. City College of San Francisco will not conduct a summer session this year. Plan now to avoid conflict with vacation plans. Stop in or phone x4030 (LAMC) or x2794 (Ft. Scott).

Degree — Public Management

Personnel interested in pursuing a B.A. degree in Public Management or Social Science from Saint Mary's College are invited to attend an information briefing on Wednesday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate, Room 13029 (13th Floor). Additional conformation is available from college counselors at Ft. Scott or LAMC Education Centers, x2974 or x4030.

On-Post college courses

Summer college courses on the Presidio will begin June 4 and end July 26, except for Chemistry which will continue until September 13. The Ed Center will assist in organizaing car pools for courses requiring campus labs.

Survey of Chemistry and Labs (Chem 101/102), 4 units, 6-9 p.m., Tues lab on campus and Thurs lecture on post. Instructor: DuGray (lecture) and Newman (lab). This is an introductory chemistry class useful for the general student seeking natural science credit or for those meeting requirements for San Francisco State's nursing degree. Students should know basic math, but algebra proficiency is not a prerequisite - some will be taught in class.

Transactional Analysis (Psy 305), 3 units, 6-9 p.m., Mon & Wed, Instructor: Cosentino. Learn the theory and practical application of TA, developed by the late Eric Berne and widely adopted by mental health workers in psychiatry, psychology, social work, rehabilitation, corrections, and education. Be able to identify the child, parent and adult ego states when you see them, displayed in your daily life.

Introduction to Information Science (IS 150), 4 units, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Mon lecture on post & Wed lab on campus. Instructor: Jitodai. This is a course for students who want to learn about data processing. Lab sessions will give you a chance to learn a computer language (BASIC) and practice it on up-to-date computer terminal equipment.

San Francisco (Hum 376), 3 units, 6-9 p.m., Tues & Thurs, Instructor: Fracchia. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about this beautiful city and earn humanities credit toward a degree. You will be able to concentrate your study on the facet of The City that interests you most. This is the first time this course has been offered on post - don't miss it!

The above courses are open to all adults at a tuition cost of $37 per unit (Chemistry course is a total of $185). Active duty personnel may apply for 75% tuition assistance no later than May 29 or use GI Bill benefits if eleigible.

TO REGISTER: Complete an application in Bldg 1216 (Ft. Scott) or Bldg 1007 (LAMC).

BEAR

First-termers and career soldiers in surplus or balanced MOSs can extend their ETS to train in shortage MOSs under a test program called Bonus Extension and Retraining (BEAR).

BEAR allows such soldiers to extend for formal school retraining into a shortage Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) MOS. Upon successful completion of training, the soldier will be awarded the new PMOS, reenlistment eligibility, and draw a SRB.

The soldier must have at least two years of service and be within one year of ETS at application time. He or she must be able to extend ETS to complete training and for at least 12 months after completion of training. And, the soldier must be eligible for reenlistment under AR 601-280 and AR 600-9 without a waiver.

Following training, the soldier:

a. Is expected to reenlist in the MOS for which he or she has just received training. However, reenlisting is not mandatory.

b. Does not have to reenlist should the Army be directed to terminate or lower the SRB before the soldier completes retraining. The soldier may reenlist for any option for which he or she is qualified except retraining into another PMOS.

Savings Bonds Campaign

The 1979 US Savings Bond Campaign will be held during the month of June. The National theme is "TAKE STOCK IN AMERICA, BUY US SAVINGS BONDS." 9½ million Americans buy United States Savings Bonds through their Payroll Savings Plan. Join yours this week and donate part of your paycheck to the most deserving cause in the world — your future. The coordination meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, Sixth US Army Conference Facility, Building 35. Mr. Bill Borden, Savings Bond Division of the Treasury Department will show a film and give a short presentation.

Gas

With some states alread into gasoline rationing and the media increasing its coverage of energy problems — conservation of fuel and other forms of energy is paramount within the Army community.

FORSCOM commanders have been directed to reduce energy consumption by five percent below the FY 78 levels.

Some of the first steps to be taken by commanders are:

— Setting heating thermostats at a maximum of 65 degrees except in exempted facilities.
— Setting cooling thermostats at no lower than 80 degrees except for medical, communications, and operational facilities requiring cooling to protect equipment.
— Restricting the use of air conditioning systems, to include window air conditioning units, until the mean outdoor temperature exceeds 80 degrees between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. for three consecutive days.

Everyone's cooperation is essential in achieving the five percent reduction. When you think of energy — think conservatively!! (FORSCOM E-1)

Blood drive

When the Army puts out the word "they're having a blood drive and they want their people behind it 100%" . . . there's no fooling around. This was the case recently at the Presidio's April 24th mobile blood drive when the Post Commander announced the blood drive in a memo that went out to nearly 10,000 army retirees.

The response was overwhelming. Letters and phone calls came in by the dozens. In fact one 94 year old veteran showed up with his letter in hand and announced, "I'm here to give blood." Unfortunately he was just a few years beyond the 66 year old age limit. Although he couldn't give blood (and there were others like him who wanted to help but were not eligible) he represented the enthusiastic spirit of the drive. That spirit could be reflected in the final results. Four hundred and fifty pints of blood were donated. That's 113 more pints than our last mobile.

Our next mobile will be on Wednesday, July 25. The Blood Bank reports it is already gearing up for the difficult summer months. It's when blood needs are high, but blood donations take a serious tumble. Remember, there's one fuel we can't do without . . . the fuel for life . . . blood.

Logisticals Toastmistress Club

Logisticals Toastmistress Club is open for new members. If you are interested in self improvement and growth through communication and education — join us.

Our education materials are received from International TMC. If you are lonely, you have an opportunity to meet new friends world-wide. If you are having difficulty in both oral and written communication on your job, in the community or at home — join us.

Toastmistresses will give you an opportunity to improve in speech by participating in our speech contest, lexicology, tabletopics, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking. Logisticals Toastmistress members participate in the accreditation program in which your record of self-development is placed in your official Personnel file as progress is made. We welcome you. For further information contact Marjorie Burts 561-5831 or Annie Tatum 561-5705.

Rec Center News:

LIVE ROCK BAND TO APPEAR AT REC. CENTER: Back by popular demand "NIMBUS" will return to your Recreation Center, Bldg 1299, on Saturday nite May 26 at 8:30 p.m. So mark this date on your calendar, and don't miss the action.

LAST CALL FOR WINE TOUR: You may now register for our NAPA County Wine tasting tour on May 27 at 8:30 a.m. A returnable deposit of $2.00 will retain your seat on the bus. We are only taking 45 people, so make your plans TODAY!

ALL POST CHESS TOURNAMENT: Anybody interested in entering the all ARMY Chess tournament, which will be conducted at Ft. Meade, should contact the Presidio Recreation Center. The Presidio Chess tournament will be held on June 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Log Cabin, Bldg 1299. If your would like to be sent to Ft. Meade in September, then you must place in the Presidio Chess Tournament.

NEW GUITAR CLASS FOR BEGINNERS: Will start on June 11 at 7 p.m. The class is free except for a $5.00 deposit which will be returned to you upon completion of the six week course.

EXERCISE CLASS: There are a few openings in the afternoon exercise class from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. There is no charge for this activity.

JOGGERS WANTED: If you are looking for somebody to job (run) with, than look no further. Bring your body up to your Recreation Center, Monday thru Friday at 5 p.m.

STEREO CLASSES: If you are caught up in all the fancy names for stereo components, then come up to your Recreation Center and get a good education in audio systems. There is a new class starting June 21 thru July 27 at 7 p.m. The class will cover such topics as Electricity, Amplifiers, Speakers, Turntables, Tuners, and much more. For additional information call 561-2000/5420 after 2 p.m.

NY YANKESS vs OAKLAND A's on July 8 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at your Rec. Center. We have 40 very choice seats (right behind Home). Tickets are $5.00 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

NIGHT CLUB GUIDE: Is now on sale at your Recreation Center. This is a guide of 99 of the hottest disco clubs, dinner clugs, taverns, piano bars, etc . . . in San Francisco and the Bay area. The cost is only $2.00 to personnel at the Presidio. For additional information call 561-2000/5420 after 2 p.m.

NO UNIFORM SERVICES DECAL, NO GAS: Effective June 4, all vehicles receiving gas at the PX Gas Stations will be required to have a decal affixed to the vehicle. Personnel on PCS, TDY or leave orders must display a copy of the orders to receive gas without a decal. PSF Suppl 1 to AR 190-5 is being revised.

'Heroes'

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fortifications, the location of Confederate hospitals and the medical supplies available. Colonel Truesdale had warned her that on no condition must she carry notes or plans of her findings.

Pauline's success in obtaining maps and other information was so great that she yielded to the temptation to violate her orders. With important military documents in her possession, she hastened toward Nashville. Her very haste aroused suspician and she was detained for questioning not far from General Bragg's headquarters at Tullahoma, Tenn. The documents were discovered. A military court sentenced her to hang within a fortnight.

Exhausted by physical hardships and the strain of her hazardous assignment, Pauline collapsed. Then she desperately grasped the opportunity to fend off execution by feigning continued illness in the Confederate hospital in Shelbyville.

The fortunes of war saved her. Bragg was forced to withdraw quickly from Shelbyville before the sudden advance of Rosecrans' armies.

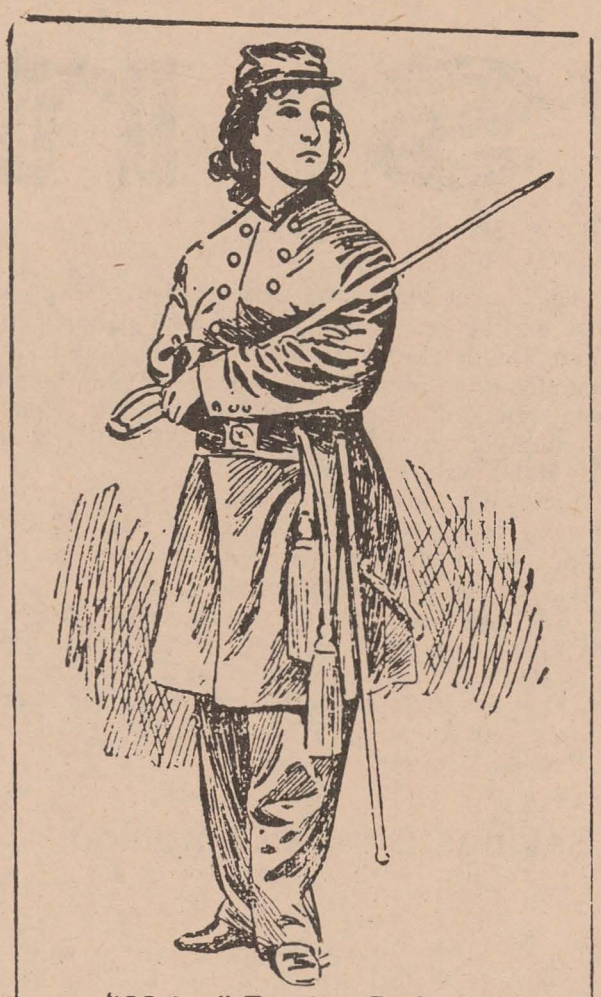
Tales of Pauline's bravery and adventures spread through the Union troops, who called her "The Spy of the Cumberland." In time she was commissioned a Brevet-Major of Cavalry by General Garfield and commended to President Lincoln for her services to the Union cause. Her usefulness as a spy was gone, however, so the end of the war she worked with Army Police on routine investigations.

Pauline was 39 years old when she married her second husband, August Fichtner, and on his death she married Jerry Fryer, later separated from him and moved to San Francisco.

Conclusion

During the last three years of her life she lived in a small third floor room in a San Francisco lodging house. Her income consisted of a small government pension and the royalties from her autobiography. Now and then she lectured before historical societies.

Originally buried in a private cemetery, Pauline's body later was reinterred with appropriate military honors in the National Cemetery at the Presidio. She, along with the many thousands of others who rest there share one thing in common. They responded to the call for military service in times of war and peace alike. To this end Memorial Day provides the living with a time to honor and remember those who came before us. While we enjoy a long weekend, it might not be a bad idea to reflect on the reason why we have the extra day off.



"Major" Pauline Cushman.

***Pauline Cushman received* the honorary rank of major for her exploits in the Civil War. An early sketch depicted her in the appropriate uniform of the era. Presidio Army Museum.**

Master chef

***FOURTH ANNUAL U.S. ARMY CULINARY COMPETITION AT THE FORT LEE OFFICERS' CLUB* – Major General Fred C. Sheffey, Commanding General, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and Fort Lee, presents Category II, Cold Buffet, Fish or Crustacea, Master Class, second place award to MSG Carl Tatem from Presidio of San Francisco, California. (U.S. Army Photo by Joe Hira).**

Memorial Day Service Schedule

PARADE

Assembly of Organizations
Parade Grounds - Presidio of San Francisco

10:00 A.M., Monday, May 28, 1979

As directed by Parade Chairman
1st Lt. Thomas C. Africa U.S.A.

NATIONAL CEMETERY CENOTAPH

Presidio of San Francisco

Walter C. Reynolds, Master of Ceremonies

Placing of Wreath on Grave of Unknown Soldier

Gold Star Mother Ivy Bates – 10:30 A.M.

Assisted by
Honorable Lee Dolson, Supervisor, City of San Francisco

Placing of Poppy on Grave of Unknown Soldier
Miss Erin M. Sullivan

The American Legion

PLACING OF WREATH AT CENOTAPH

Lt. General William R. Peers, U.S. Army Retired

Concert: 10:45 to 11:00 A.M. .....Sixth U.S. Army Band
W. O. Tony W. Cason
Opening Remarks .....Robert Bevering, Director
National Cemetery, PSF

Presentation of
Distinguished Guests ..Walter C. Reynolds, Commander
San Francisco County Council

Star Spangled Banner .....Band and Assemblage

Invocation .....Chaplain Capt. Roland Q. Humphrey
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag .....Winifred Maita
V.C. 7th District, The Americ̣an Legion

Remarks, Sixth Army ..Major General John L. Osteen Jr.

Deputy Commanding General, Sixth US Army

Band Selection .....Sixth U.S. Army Band

Memorial Address .....Honorable Lee Dolson
City & County of San Francisco

Band Sleections .....Sixth U.S. Army Band

Gettysburg Address ....John Corsiglia, Past Commander
7th District, The American Legion

Presidential Proclamation,
Vietnam Veterans Week 1979 Michael Waggener,
Director, Swords to Plowshares

Chaplain

My Buddy .....Sixth U. S. Army Band

Rifle Volleys

Taps & Echo

Silence 11:58 A.M. to Noon

21 Gun Salute

Retire Colors

Postlude Music - Sixth U.S. Army Band

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May 19, 1979

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is bad enough that personnel assigned here for Regular Army Active Duty cannot eat at the USAG Dining Facility sometimes because of the overload of extra personnel that are always sent to that facility to eat but when they feed children who are out on a field trip before people on Active Duty who have to eat there and make it back to their sections on time, I have to complain. I have missed meals in the past because the cooks have not been told of a large group of people being sent to that dining facility and they do not prepare extra food for them. It is not their fault that they do not have enough food for everybody but I still have to go without a meal. It is nice that the Army lets other people eat there but when these people are placed before people that have no other place to eat and are not on separate rations it just isn't right. When they finally realized that we did not have time to waste standing in line they let us go ahead of the kids, while they (the kids) made rude comments to us about it. They were all anxious to go outside and sit in the sun.

I am not saying that others should not be allowed to eat in our Dining Facility but some rules of priority should be set so that assigned personnel can get the food they deserve.

Barbara A. McArthur

Dear Editor,

In response to "Bewildered's letter, our comments:

1) The longest gas lines in the Bay Area seem to be at the Presidio — is it worth the 2¢ difference?

2) How does the active military get off from work for an hour to get gas? — Civilians would be charged Annual Leave to do this.

3) Was the **real** objection to the long wait at LAMC because he was seen by an E-5? Is the quality of service lower because of it, or is quality of service determined by rank? "B" seemed unduly rank conscious.

Bewildered Civilians

Editor's Note: Bewildered's letter has sure stirred up the Presidio community. Five letters have appeared in response. Also, I have received calls at the newsroom. My thanks to all of you who have called or written.

Dear Editor,

Where were you at two o'clock this morning?

The military police were on the streets as they always are, seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day — forever. It must be nice to lead a normal life where you get weekends and holidays off and don't have to worry about which shift you've got. Long hours, hard work, and a lot of abuse make up the skill indentifier - 95B (Military policeman).

Don't you realize that the MP's are the most combat ready troops in the Army? Probably because they are prepared to go into combat everyday and sometimes do.

The men and women of the corps are willing and place themselves between you and the criminal element. No one but an MP knows that sick feeling in the pit of his stomach and the rush of adrenalin when they make a traffic stop at midnight and six agressive people are in the car, or when a building is unsecure and they walk through checking it out. Danger and violence are always present and it does take its toll.

The MP's do make mistakes, and they are not heroes by any stretch of the i imagination, but when the chips are down we will be there no matter what it takes.

During the Police Week, I personally would like to salute all the people in the law enforcement community that make this a safe and great place to live.

One who knows

Editors Note: I too appreciate your long hours. I put some long ones in myself. On behalf of the Presidio, I Salute You, too.

Dear Editor:

I have heard that there is an alarm system in the process of being installed at the Central Magazine and that this system will eliminate the need for guard duty. However, I have also heard that the alarm system is actually already installed, it just isn't being used. If it is true that the system is not being used, I think the troops that are being subjected to this unnecessary duty deserve an explanation as to why their time is being wasted out there when they could be at their duty sections doing the jobs they are trained for. If there is a system in the process of being installed what is the hold up? I don't know who is the person who could provide answers to these questions, but perhaps someone will come forward and bring this situation out into the open.

Please sign me Anonymous

Editor's Note: I have checked around about your complaint. Anyone who wants to discuss the situation further can contact Ssgt. Rollins or SSgt. Eubank, physical security inspectors at ext. 5739.

Chaplain's corner

by Chaplain Humphrey

SYMPTOMS OF SPIRITUAL DIVORCE

When a marriage breaks up, it is seldom the result of something that has just happened. Rather, a gradual deterioration in the relationship (which can be well hidden from friends and relatives) ordinarily precedes the flagrant offenses that provoke divorce proceedings. There are therefore signs of "spiritual divorce" which, if paid attention to, can save a marriage from ending in a crisis.

The following eight signs of "spiritual divorce" come from a book "Marriage Encounter" by Jerry and Marilyn Demarest. These represent Tell-Tale signs of impending trouble that any husband or wife should accept as a warning.

A Sense of Disappointment and Disillusionment.

Newly married couples do eventually descend from cloud nine and do eventually get in touch with reality. However, in any marriage, if a sense of disillusionment or disappointment happens to be present and persists or intensifies, it can slowly destroy the relationship unless the couple face it honestly together or seek help if they cannot resolve it alone.

Indifference or Coldness Toward Each Other

Most people go into marriage because they have a deep need to love and to be loved. When this need is not met, shattered hope produces an inevitable hardening and cooling that indicates detachment and a turning away from the quest for intimacy. This is likely to produce, or to be accompanied by, sexual maladjustment.

Lack of Sweetness and Tenderness

To be tender is to be vulnerable and therefore easily hurt. Couples who suppress anger against each other create buried resentment which ultimately destroys one's capacity for tenderness. Painful as it is, it is better to acknowledge anger, discover together what caused it, and clear it up.

Superficial & Routine Communication.

When no deep feelings are shared, the relationship drifts into a state of empty boredom. When this happens, a couple have become strangers to each other. This is a very common manifestation in a marriage headed for trouble. Today, it is easy for a couple to drift apart and finally break up.

Feelings of Being Alone, Not Understood

People can live a so-called close relationship and still suffer from loneliness. The very fact that a marriage partner is there all the time, and physically close, makes the feeling of being alone and uncared for all the more intolerable. In these days, it is easy to meet someone who will fill the aching void. Many marriages end that way.

Frequent Tensions and Quarrels

Marital fighting is not pleasant but counseling a fighting couple is more hopeful than a couple who are coldly ignoring each other. A fighting couple are at least interacting. However, constant bickering is a sign of an unhealthy relationship, and if uncorrected, it can wear down a marriage to a breaking point.

Treating Each Other with Sarcasm and Ridicule

We each have a need to come home each day to a sheltered home where our emotional wounds are healed and we are appreciated and understood. The spectacle of a husband and wife undermining each other's self-esteem is sad indeed.

No Shared Spiritual Life

Marriages can be firmly held together and many of the symptoms of spiritual divorce can be cleared by the husband and wife together seeking divine Love from which all human love is derived.

Club management

Are you a "highly qualified" E6 or E7, and interested in club management?

The Army may want you for its club management career and development program.

To qualify, you must have related education or experience to be placed in the club management MOS 00J. In addition, you should be qualified in one of these areas: accounting, personnel management, administration, food service or bar and entertainment operations. Volunteers should also have **less than** 16 years of service.

More information is available in AR 614-200, chapter 11.

Legal assistance

Military legal assistance is available to "retired regular component personnel, nonregular component personnel or former personnel receiving retired pay for physical disability." Dependents and widows/widowers of the above are also eligible.

Legal assistance officers are available for consultation and assistance on personal legal problems "of a civil nature." Routine actions handled by legal assistance officers include landlord-tenant relations, wills, purchase of automobiles, powers of attorney, tax counseling, etc.

Legal assistance officers cannot advise you on matters pertaining to private business pursuits. (FORSCOM B-19)

BEAR program

A recent change in the Bonus Extension and Retraining (**BEAR**) Program allows a soldier to retrain in a new MOS that is authorized a Selective Reenlistment Bonus and be guaranteed payment of the SRB in effect at the time of his agreement.

First termers and careerists, grades E5 and below in current overstrength MOS who have completed at least two years service, and are within one year of ETS may apply. Soldiers must be qualified to reenlist and be recommended by their commander. They must also qualify for training in one of the following MOS: 12E, 15D, 15E, 15J, 16D, 17C, 21G, 24M, 54E, 63C, 67V, 67Y, 97B, 98C and 98G.

For further information, see your unit reenlistment NCO or the Post Reup NCO, *SFC Bates in Bldg. 86,* Phone 3108.

Red Cross Volunteers

Everyone knows how hard it is for a high school student to get a job, right? The first question you're asked is, "Do you have any experience?" And how can you **get** the experience to get a job if you can't get a job to get the experience to get a job . . . etcetera.

Well, now the Red Cross can help you get that experience - through VOLUNTEER work! The Red Cross needs teenagers in San Francisco and San Mateo counties as volunteers to help in **many** fields. You can have an office assignment, help patients in hospitals, help teach young children skateboard safety or water safety skills . . . and much more is open to you to learn and do as a Red Cross volunteer.

Spend some of your free time this summer as a **volunteer.** It is a rewarding experience, and will give you a real boost when you fill out that next job application.

In San Francisco, call 776-1500. In Burlingame, call 343-4561. Or, look in your local phone book for the number of your Red Cross chapter.

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Proud graduates honored

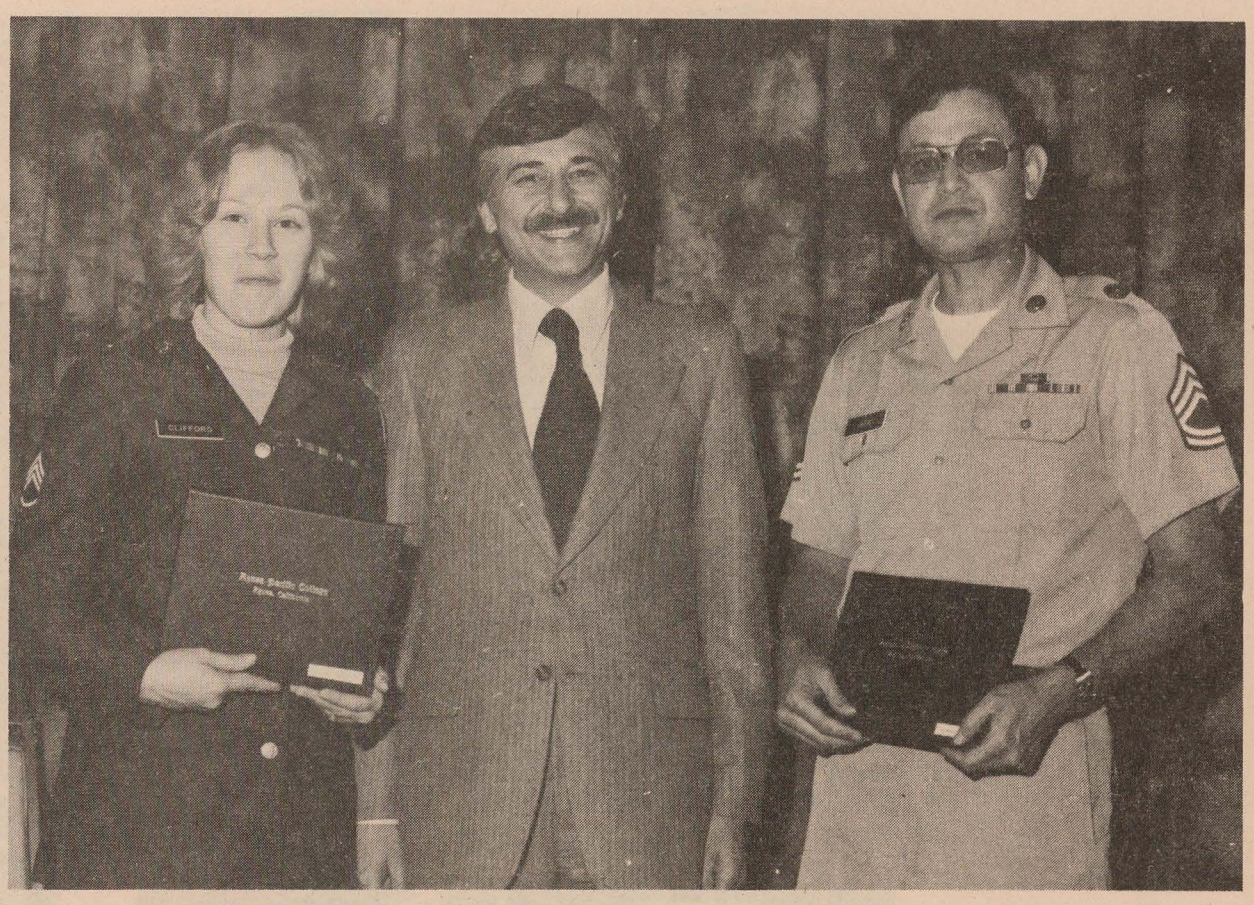
SFC Robert Neri and SSgt Jan Clifford were presented with Associate of Arts degrees at a special ceremony held at the Presidio NCO Club on May 11. Sgt. Denise Scarboro, now at Ft. McClellan, received her Associate of Arts degree in absentia. The degrees were conferred by Dr. Don Grant, Vice President for Academic Affairs of Azusa Pacific College and Dr. John Crandall, Director of the Universal College Program. Col. John D. Hamilton, Sr., Presidio Commander, gave the keynote address.

This event honored the first Army personnel to receive A.A. degrees through Azusa Pacific College's Universal College Program, a unique independent study program which features video-taped college lectures.

The Universal College Program was designed to eliminate the scheduling problems that make regular classroom attendance impossible for those with rotating shifts, frequent TDY, and irregular work hours. With videotaped college lectures, students never miss a lecture. If studies are interrupted, they can be resumed exactly where they were left off. If a student's work schedule changes, he can change his time of attendance at the local video learning center provided by Azusa Pacific College.

The Universal College Program contains all the ingredients of regular on-campus study; lectures by a top-notch college professor, college-level reading assignments, mid-term and final exams, essays to write, and on-going contact with an on-post coordinator who provides the personal student-teacher relationship.

Neri, attached to CID, had a heavy, erratic work schedule which made regular classroom attendance impossible. Clifford, with the USA INSCOM CI/SIG SEC, could continue her studies despite T.D.Y.'s. Both completed their degrees in the same time that they would have completed as full-time on-campus students.



Photos by Bill Malkiel

The Presidio has had the Universal College Program since October 1977 and is one of 20 military installations in California, Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada to offer an equal opportunity for education to these disenfranchised groups.

Azusa Pacific is a 4-year liberal arts college accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, with the main campus in Azusa, California.

Achieve good health

The on-going blood pressure **screening program has been a success. Last Friday 332 people were screened. In this picture PV2 Lisa Bell checks Mrs. Catherine Turrini. LAMC personnel will be the target audience this week. For further info call Eiko Ashizawa R.N. or Joan Kulla R.N. ext. 4646. (photo by Ted Elisee)**

Marriage among junior enlisted

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Why do young junior enlisted soldiers get married? There's a variety of answers to this question, but I think the biggest influence on early marriages is barracks life. Most unmarried soldiers live in the barracks, which isn't always pleasant — constant noise, no privacy, GI parties, inspections and other numerous disadvantages. The troops are always looking for a way out, an escape. It would be like a dream come true for any young soldier to have a place of his own. The problem is they just can't afford it. Between paying the rent, gas, utility bills and other numerous expenses a junior enlisted paycheck doesn't go far. This leaves the idea of moving off-post impossible - unless of course marriage is involved. Most young individuals are energetic, active and definitely not ready to settle down. But to a soldier trying to find a way out of the barracks, marriage doesn't sound like a bad deal.

Having your own home can be nice. You can actually watch T.V. when you want without being drowned out by the disco music at the end of the hall. And a nice home cooked meal when you want would be great. It definitely beats the long, noisy lines in a mess hall. Waking up in the morning to breakfast without worrying about getting details done is another advantage to living off-post. Then of course, there's the peacefulness and privacy of your own home.

Living off-post would be terrific, but it's a shame many troops rush into marriage just to experience these advantages. To avoid this problem, I think a single soldier should be able to collect separate rations and BAQ if he wishes. Why shouldn't a single soldier be able to collect the same benefits as a married troop? Is there some difference in the single troop's performance? Do civilians pay you more if you are married? To both questions the answer is no.

I'm not saying that single soldiers residing in the barracks should receive separate rations and BAQ, but if an unmarried trooper is living off post, he should receive more pay. Why should single soldiers suffer? Remember, if the Army wanted you to have a wife, they would have issued one.

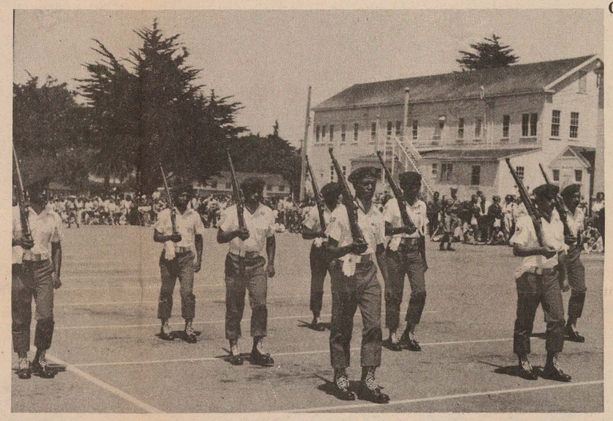
(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above editorial was written by Betsy Green, the Cavalier, Ft. Hood, Texas.)

Armed Forces Day Displays

"RAIDERETTES" CELEBRATE WITH ARMY...Three of the Oakland Raiders' "Raiderettes" meet with members of the 3d Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group, Hamilton Air Force Base, to participate in the Open House for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco. The "Raiderettes," Tamra Brewer, left, from San Ramon, Kay Carney, center, from Oakland, and Suzanne Massett, from Antioch, are honorary U.S. Army recruiters. The Army Reserve Special Forces unit, represented here by Staff Sergeant Jim Shields of Campbell, California, and Specialist 4 Gene Rappe of San Francisco, will perform a rappelling demonstration and STABO extraction. There will be numerous other activities and events, and members of the "Raiderettes" will also be there. The Open House is free, and the public is invited. (US ARMY PHOTO)

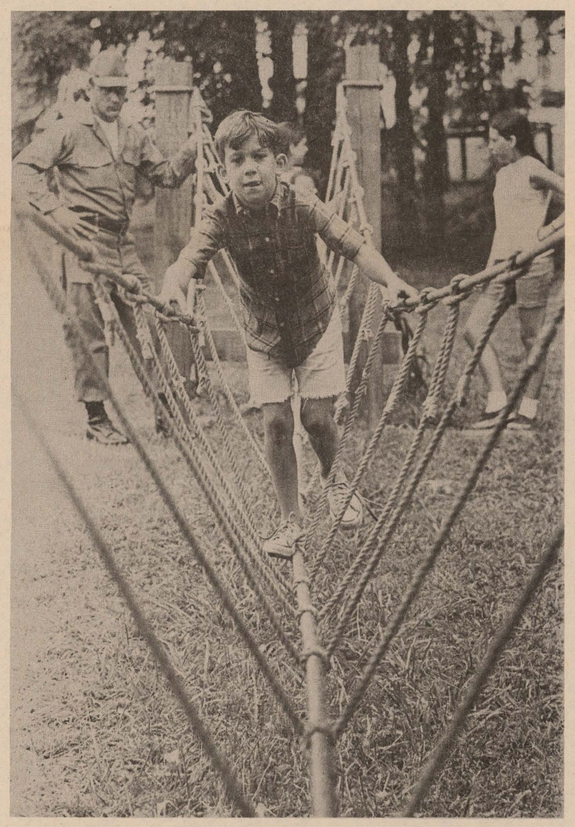
May 19, 1979 — Crissy Field, PSF
(for all events May 19)

10:00 a.m.	Skydiving Demonstration Presidio Parachute Club
10:50 a.m.	Rappelling Demonstration 3d Bn, 12th Special Forces Gp Hamilton AFB
11:10 a.m.	STABO Extraction, 3d Bn, 12th Spec. Forces Gp, HAFB
11:30 a.m.	Performance by Sixth U.S. Army Band
12 noon	Demonstrations by Junior ROTC Drill Teams and Drum & Bugle Corps
1:30 p.m.	Skydiving Demonstration Presidio Parachute Club
2:20 p.m.	Rappelling Demonstration, 3rd, Bn., 12th Spec. Forces Gp, HAFB
2:40 p.m.	STABO Extraction, 3d Bn, 12th Spec. Forces Gp, HAFB
3:00 p.m.	Performance by Sixth U.S. Army Band



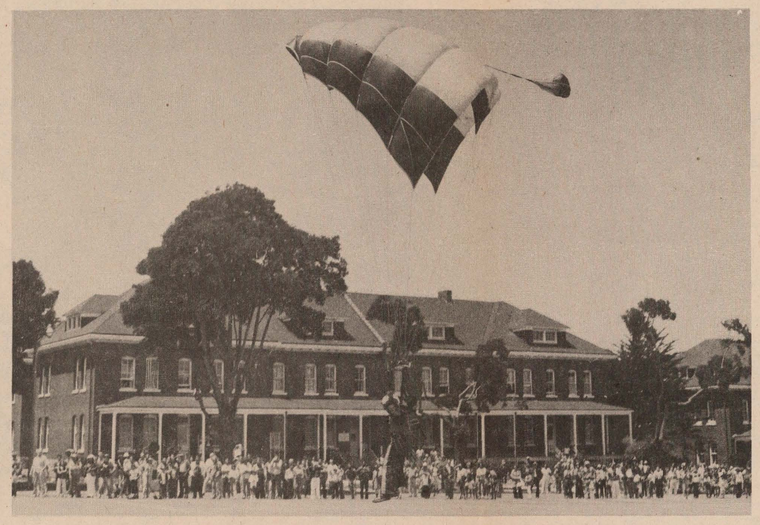
ROTC DRILL TEAMS AND DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS of San Francisco Unified School District high schools will perform Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. during Armed Forces Day activities at the Presidio's Crissy Field. A concert by the Sixth Army Jazz Band will precede the drill team demonstrations beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Helicopter displays during Armed Forces Day Open House Saturday at Crissy Field in the Presidio will include the CH-47, OH-58, and UH-1 MEDEVAC supplied by California State Military Forces. Ft. Ord will display an AH-1 gunship, the Chaparral and Vulcan air defense missiles, Gamma Goat, Armored Personnel Carrier, 115 mm. Howitzer, and the M-113.



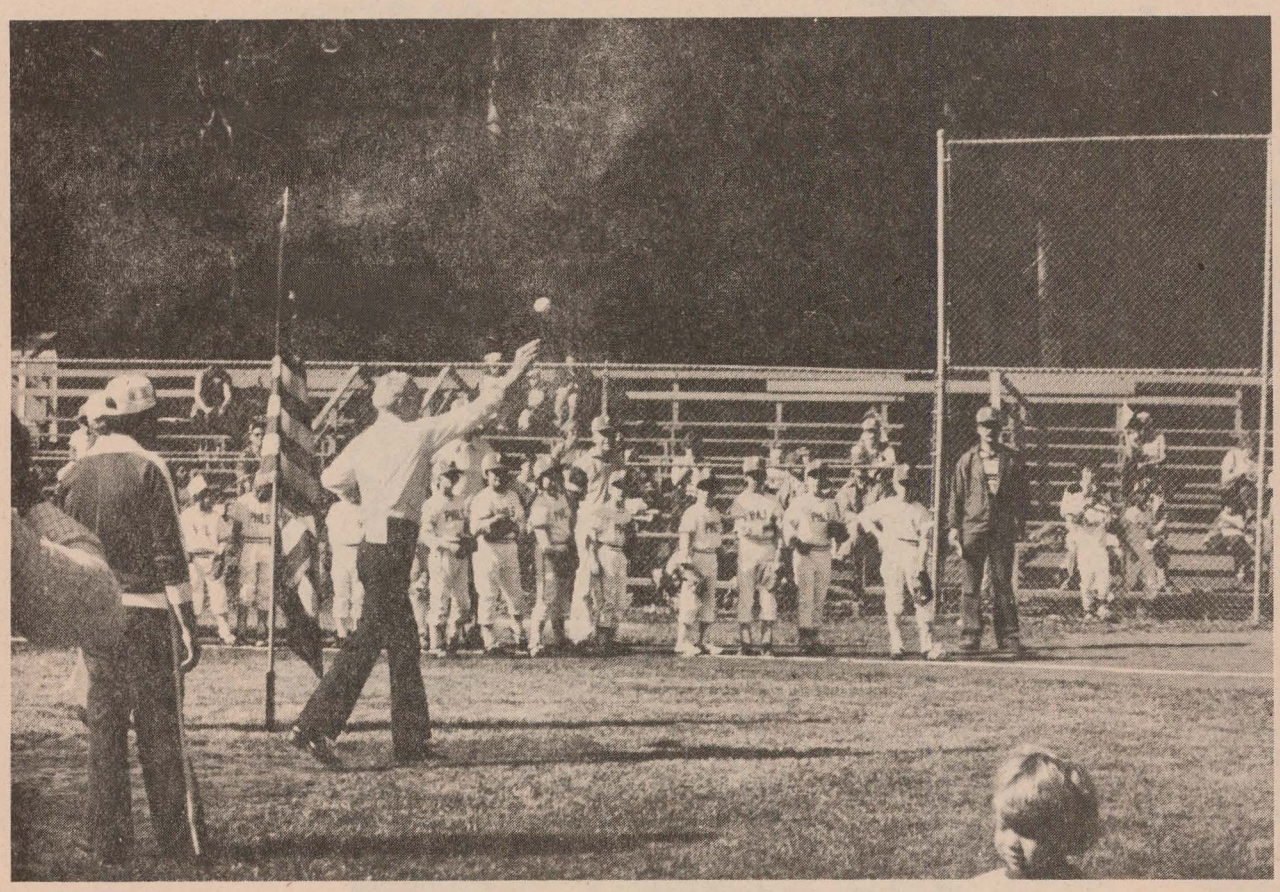
YOUNG TROOPER, Calvin Johne, tests his skills on a rope bridge. Members of the 820th Engineer Bn (Combat) from San Pablo will man the rope bridge there Saturday during Armed Forces Day Open House activities at Crissy Field. Youngsters of all ages will have the opportunity to perform the feat. Spectator participants will also enjoy the equipment slide, mine sweep, fingerprinting demonstration, Military Police jeep rides, and many others.

Members of the 3d Bn, 12th Special Forces Gp from Hamilton AFB demonstrate rappelling tactics. Similar exercises can be seen Saturday during Armed Forces Day Open House at the Presidio's Crissy Field beginning at 10 a.m.



The Presidio Parachute Club will kick off Armed Forces Day Open House activities at 10 a.m. Saturday at Crissy Field. Their colorful exhibition will be followed by a rappelling demonstration and STABO extraction by members of the 12th Special Forces Group from Hamilton AFB.

PRESIDIO SPORTS



Opening ceremonies for the **Post Youth Little League commenced last Saturday. The Post Commander threw out the first ball after a short speech.**

LAMC SWEEP BOWLING TITLES

LAMC defeated INSCOM 2509 to 2238 in the 1978-79 Presidio Bowling Championship, in a roll-off between the two league champions. LAMC jumped off to an early 120 pin lead in the first game, as the fired up four man LAMC team fashioned an 863 scratch series on games of 192-204-231 and team captain Ron Ealy's 236. The second game was closer, as LAMC could only score 757 on games of 179-189-193 and 190. Leading by 144 pins, LAMC exploded in the final game for a league record 877, paced by Ron Ealy's 277, (703 series). Tony LeCroy, 208 (632 series); Edward Johnson, 211 (604 series; and Oliver McGuire, 181 (552 series) have given future teams in the Intramural Bowling Program something to shoot for.

LAMC bowlers continued to prove they're the best team in the Presidio by winning the Post Sergeant Major Bowling Tournament in competition among the top ten teams in the Presidio Intramural Bowling Leagues. Shooting a 2393 scratch series along with their total 18 pin handicap, LAMC easily stroked their way to the championship. Tony LeCroy led LAMC's attack with a 631 high tournament series, followed by Oliver McGuire's 622 series and 245 high tournament single game.

Post Command Sergeant Major George presented LAMC with the Post Sergeant Major trophy at the completion of the tournament.

SUMMER INTRAMURAL BOWLING LEAGUES

Summer Intramural Bowling Leagues will commence Tuesday, June 5. Units desiring to enter a team(s) are requested to return Command Letter NLT1 p.m., Thursday, May 24 to Sports Branch or call Sports Office, ext. 4120/5032 for more information and/or signup. A meeting of all team managers and captains will be held at the Bowling Center 1 p.m., Thursday, May 24.

POST SOFTBALL TEAM

The men's Post Softball Team split their series against McClellan Air Force Base in the opening round of the Northern California Armed Forces Softball League. Losing the first game 8 to 7, the men of Presidio came back in the second game and knocked the cover off the softball for a 15 to 4 victory. DENTAC's Tim Brulotte hit a home run in the first game, sending the ball over 300 feet. In the second game it was all Presidio as Garrison's Ronald Lockwood hit a grand slam and two doubles to drive in seven runs. DENTAC's Richard Harding was 7 for 8 for the day at the plate, hitting 3 for 4 in game one and 4 for 4 in game 2.

Coach Jeff Frese, 170th MP Co., stated that the team is loaded with power and every game will be an exciting one.

Presidio will take on Oakland Army Base in a double header on Saturday with game time at 1 p.m.

The women's Post Team edged by Beale Air Force Base and provided the fans with plenty of excitement, losing the first game in extra innings, 9 to 8. In the second game, the Presidio girls showed plenty of hustle and spirit only to lose 8 to 5.

Coach "Doc" Arrington indicated he was very happy with the girl's performance. The girls travel to Travis on June 2 for their next scheduled game.

SUMMER BASKETBALL

Sign up now for the Summer Basketball League. Sign up board is located next to the issue cage at the Post Gym, Bldg #63. League will start in early June if enough players are interested. Contact Mr. Bob Gascon at the Sports Office for further information or telephone ext. 4120/5032.

WOMEN'S TRACK / SALLY MCPHERSON

By Julie Casey

Sally McPherson, Presidio of San Francisco, April 30—. She is a nationally classed athlete selected to tour with the USA International Track Team that will be in Europe this summer.

Second Lieutenant Sally McPherson competes in an unheralded Olympic sport, race walking. She has the fastest time of any American woman this year in the 20 kilometer race-walk. Sally completed the 12.4 miles in 1 hour 49 minutes, 44 seconds, is ranked number three nationally in both the 5 and 10 kilometer walks.

McPherson is here training with the US Army Track Team, getting ready for the Interservice Championships and the AAU Nationals in June. Sally is part of the US Women's Track team that will be participating in the first Interservice Championship for women.

The 22-year old Oregon native started her athletic career as a distance runner and later began race walking.

"I started race-walking because of a disappointment in the 1976 Olympic Trials. I was blown off the track", she stated. "Most of the reason was because I was running the mile when I should have been running longer distances. At that time there were no longer distances for women. After the trials, I tried race-walking at an all-comers meet and I won." Sally came into the sport at San Jose State University, where she gained her degree in Physical Education.

"I attended San Jose because race-walking is more popular there than in Oregon. I really enjoy race-walking. I do it because I like it. I'm not in it for the glory", she emphasized.

According to Sally, most people don't consider race-walking a sport. They look at it as funny and awkward. Sally commented that race-walking and distance running go hand in hand in certain respects. "They are both competitive". "It gets nasty out there on the track. I love to compete though it is a test of oneself. Walking is not a do or die situation for me. It is rather a learning experience", Sally commented, and added, "At first, I used to tell people that I was a distance runner / race-walker. They would say race what? Because of that, walkers have to be very arduous and consistant".

Sally walks faster than most people run, putting in at least 15 miles a day. Moving along at 7 minutes, 15 seconds per mile during a race she would easily out walk many runners.

She has qualified for the AAU Nationals in the 5, 10 and 20 kilometer distances. "Since I have already qualified for the Nationals, my next goal will be the Interservice meet, the Nationals and from there I'm headed for Germany, where I will be stationed. I'm training hard now so I can go great guns at the Nationals and in Europe." "I'm going to have to be strong because the competition is a lot tougher in Europe."

ALL-ARMY TRACK AND FIELD

The All-Army Track team continued to move toward their goal, the Interservice Championship, to be held at California State University, Hayward, CA, June 7-9, by placing in several events at the Modesto Relays last Saturday, May 12 at Modesto, CA.

The men competed well in the sprint relay and mile relay and have reached a competitive edge in their endeavor to be ready for the Interservice Championship.

In this vein, the distaff side competed very well in the San Pablo Games, Saturday, May 12. The girls have continued to improve in their contested events and bid well to make a contribution to the newly developed Women's Program in the field of athletics.

COMMANDER'S SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Commander's Spring Golf Tournament will be played on May 23 and 24 at the Presidio Army Golf Course. First tee-off time, each day, will be 8 a.m. This event will feature two divisions, Open (39 years and under) and Senior (40 years and older).

Competition will be scratch play. Handicaps will be used for pairings only. Entries are due NLT May 21 at the Sports Branch Office, Bldg #63, or by calling ext. 4120/5032.

'Quotes'

I will speak ill of no man, not even in matters of truth; but rather excuse the faults I hear charged upon others, and upon proper occasion speak all the good I know of everybody.

–Benjamin Franklin

We sow our thoughts, and we reap our actions;
We sow our actions, and we reap our habits;
We sow our habits, and we reap our characters;
We sow our characters, and we reap our destiny.

–C.A. Hall

Should we reduce the amount of dependents overseas?

by Larry Gaian

(Ed. note —The following column is the view of the writer, and opinions expressed therein are not necessarily those of the Department of the Army.)

According to a front page story in the April 23 issue of the Army Times, the Senate Armed Services Committee may begin steps to reduce the number of military dependents in Europe.

ALTHOUGH THE PLAN will not cause dependents already overseas to be sent back to the states, the plan would place a freeze on the number of dependents that could accompany their sponsors in the future.

This move by the committee has been gathering steam since the FY '79 Defense Appropriations Bill was signed, and only recently has it come to a full boil. The ceiling on dependents was set at 350,000 as a compromise to secure the money for junior enlisted travel (JET) bennies.

The committee accepted the ceiling of 350,000 when told the figure was lower than that. Later, when the Army revised its figures to include non-command sponsored dependents, the total climbed to over 370,000, causing the committee to begin their actions.

The main concern over the number of dependents in Europe is the fear that problems will result if they have to be evacuated should an armed conflict break out.

IN PLACING THIS ceiling of 350,000 dependents the Armed Service Committee seems to be assuming that we will be able to evacuate that number in wartime. Assuming that such an evacuation would take place by air, that assumes that we can establish and maintain at least air parity with an opposing force.

It also assumes that an extra 40 to 50 thousand dependents would break the scales, causing an advantage for the enemy. That's a whole lot of assumptions. There really isn't any way to second guess those assumptions, but there are a few things that deserve close examination.

If the Armed Services Committee really wants to reduce the number of dependents in Europe, will this proposed ceiling do the trick? I think not. They can certainly reduce the number of command sponsored dependents with the wave of their pens, but what's to stop a soldier from taking his family along in a non-command sponsored status? Nothing except the cost involved, since neither Congress nor the Army can legally stop him from doing so. Our experience with non-command sponsored dependents in Korea has proven that.

HAVING MORE NON-COMMAND sponsored dependents in Europe will only compound the problems of evacuation. With command sponsored dependents units are able to keep track of how many dependents they have and where they are, thus, making evacuation plans easier.

When limits are placed on the command sponsored dependents we will surely witness more non-command sponsored dependents. This will make evacuation harder. Not only will units not have a good idea of how many dependents are in the area, the dependents will be scattered all over the countryside. This will cause undue hardship with evacuation plans.

Another problem with non-command sponsored dependents is the extra monetary crunch already burdening our soldiers in Europe. Consider the problems of having 100,000 dependents in Europe without the benefits of PX and commissary privileges.

LIMITING THE NUMBER of dependents in Europe could have far reaching effects on the military that Congress doesn't appear to have considered.

In today's world, many married couples are coming into the military because of the monetary stability and security they know is there. The recruiting of these married service members could face a drastic decline if this action is taken. How many families are going to be willing to take such a chance to be separated? Not nearly as many as we need.

It is also common knowledge that when military personnel are accompanied by their families the armed services can expect higher morale. There are also fewer disciplinary problems, and marital problems resulting from the prolonged separations are reduced. By keeping these problems as low as possible we are directly contributing to the combat readiness of our military.

THERE ISN'T ANY way to make the evacuation of dependents from Europe any easier — it can be done only one way. But war in Europe is not a certainty, while the problems and low morale that will result from seaprating families are known facts.

Before Congress makes any moves concerning this subject they should be sure that they aren't going to be just adding to the problems they are trying to solve. A lot of thought is needed on this subject before any solutions are offered.

The California Wind Children will perform **their original presentation of the "Spiritual Drama" at Ft. Scott Chapel on June 1 at 7 p.m. Hear them as they were heard in the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. at the Chapel Youth Rally.**
The Spiritual Drama brings a fresh, new sound to the music of the church. Based on the beginnings of the Christian Church and the Acts of the Apostles, this presentation consists of singing, drama, comedy, and full instrumentation. You will see Jesus, St. Peter, Judas, the Apostle Paul, and Mary Magdeline . . . Characters you are familiar with. However, now you will see them as human beings with their shortcomings as well as the features that made them the cornerstones of today's Christian Church. You will see and feel the wonder of Jesus, the utter despair of the Crucifixion, and the sheer joy of the Resurrection.

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BOB HOPE

"The USO offers practical help to service people everywhere, things like helping cope with a foreign currency, finding off-base housing, help in using public transportation or learning a new language. The USO is civilians helping millions of military families with their problems."

DINAH SHORE

"The USO works hard to make life a little easier, a little more pleasant, for millions of service people and their families and hospitalized veterans. The USO is on duty in more than 100 locations around the world, helping our friends and neighbors in the military cope with loneliness."

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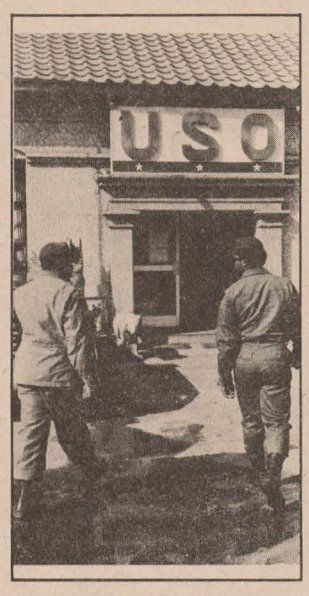

"You know, the USO isn't all fun and games. Behind its friendly face and smile of welcome is help with serious problems, important information, a telephone to call home, an orientation tour of a new community, or a place to go to meet friends. Help the USO continue to provide recreation, education, and community service. Support the USO through your local USO campaign, OCFC, or the United Way."

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News notes

New system

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Officer specialties will no longer be identified as "primary" and "alternate," according to DA officials. These terms are being dropped because they may imply a difference in the importance of the specialties, say officials. Under the officer personnel management system (OPMS), officers are expected to become equally qualified in two specialties. While many officers perceive one of their two specialties to be more important, their specialties are considered equally in the personnel management process, according to officials.

According to officials, the operation of OPMS has not been affected by the elimination of primary and alternate from publications and forms as they are revised. Officers will still enter active service with only one specialty, picking up another specialty in or before their eighth year of service.

MAC flights

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Beginning June 1, the Military Airlift Command MAC) will operate Category B and Y flight service from the Washington, D.C. area to two overseas locations, according to MILPERCEN officials. Category B flights are on commercial port call service on regularly scheduled commercial flights. These flights will be available from Dulles International and Washington National Airports to Brussels, Belgium and Frankfurt, Germany.

Soldiers with port calls to Brussels or Frankfurt from either of these airports are urged to arrive in a "timely manner," officials say. Services at both airports are limited and due to the high cost of lodging and dining facilities at or near the airports, soldiers should make their travel plans so they don't arrive too early.

Women Warrants

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — More women will be eligible for warrant officer appointments as the number of women in the army increases, according to DA personnel officials. Until last year, officials explained, the number of women who could be appointed as warrant officers was restricted. From 1972 through 1978, however, the number of enlisted women jumped from 14,000 to 50,000. Officials now estimate some 2,600 women will be eligible to apply for the warrant officer program this year.

The warrant officer procurement program is aimed to recruiting and appointing NCOS who have six to ten years service. All MOS except 100E (attack helicopter pilot) and 224B (short range air defense system) are open to women, officials said. Applicants must be qualified in their current MOS and be selected by a board. Application instructions are outlined in DA circular 601-81 and further information is available at local MILPOS.

CID Agents

USACIDC SPECIAL AGENTS: The United States Army Criminal Investigation Command is currently seeking highly qualified/career oriented personnel to become special agents in the field of criminal investigation. Particular emphasis is being placed in female/minority recruiting. Basic requirements may be found in AR 195-3. For further information contact SA Stiefel, San Francisco Field Office, extension 5405/5406.

Survey

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — An occupational survey questionnaire similar to those now used for enlisted soldiers will be sent to officers, say MILPERCEN officials.

The pilot project questionnaires will be used to gather information on what Army officers do in their jobs. The results, according to officials, will help determine what changes should be made to improve officer education and training, as well as officer personnel management. Four office specialties and a warrant officer specialty are expected to be surveyed this year. Next year, MILPERCEN hopes to add 16 more officer career field specialties to its survey program.

Company grade law enforcement officers (Career Specialty 31) will be the first group surveyed. The questionnaires are expected to reach the field by the middle of May. According to officials, the survey will provide information on what officers are actually doing - their skills, knowledge, position responsibilities. Approximately 4,000 company grade infantry officers (Career Specialty 11) will be in the second group scheduled to receive the survey questionnaires. Information on officers in field artillery and missile material management specialities will be gathered later this year.

In addition to officers in the selected specialties, questionnaires will be mailed to supervisors and subject matter experts concerned with the specialties. Supervisors and subject matter experts will be asked to comment on such matters as training emphasis or difficulties in learning officer tasks. Their responses will help MILPERCEN find out whether the occupation structure, grading standards and use programs accurately reflect job content and requirements.

Education system

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Changes in the Army Officer Education and Training System were announced by the Chief of Staff of the Army Tuesday. The changes are to be implemented over the next ten years and will affect all levels from precommissioning programs through field grade officer schooling. Some of the key changes approved by the Chief of Staff include:

A. Improved precommissioning assessments of cadets and officer candidates in medical, physical fitness, motivation, and leadership areas.

B. Better screening of applicants for contract status at some 276 ROTC detachments.

C. Testing alternatives to the current four year ROTC program.

D. Developing Military Qualification Standards (MOS) for each officer entry level specialty. These MOS will provide the basis for early career development of officers both in school and unit environments.

E. Changing the lengths and compositions of the existing officer basic and advanced courses based on further training analysis.

F. Creation of a nine week combined arms and service staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. This school will provide staff training to all officers soon after they are selected for promotion to major.

The new system will not change the current selection process or selection rate for the command and general staff college at Fort Leavenworth. Army officers will also continue to be sent to other service colleges, foreign staff colleges, and the Armed Forces Staff College at about the current rates, according to a DA spokesman.

These announced changes are the result of a study directed by the Chief of staff which began in August 1977. The need for improved officer education and training is based on an assessment of our potential enemies. The difference between victory and defeat on today's potential battlefields will likely lie in the difference between the quality of our leadership and that of the enemy, the DA spokesman said.

The changes are to be implemented according to a deliberate phasing plan. This plan will be developed as the results of job analysis studies are obtained.

New Chief of Staff

Lieutenant General Edward C. Meyer has been nominated for assignment as the next Chief of Staff, United States Army, and for appointment to the rank of General, President Carter announced Wednesday.

Meyer will succeed General Bernard W. Rogers, who has been named Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Currently, Meyer is the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (DCSOPS), Washington D.C. and senior Army representative, Military Staff Committee, United Nations, New York.

Last month Meyer had been selected to replace retiring General George S. Blanchard as Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army.

Born in St. Marys, PA December 11, 1928, Meyer graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1951 and was commissioned an Infantry Officer. He holds a B.S. in Military Engineering and an M.S. in International Affairs from George Washington University.

During his 27 years of service, Meyer has served as an Infantry Company Commander, Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (AM), Federal Executive Fellow at Brookings Institute, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, and Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), USAREUR.

The General's decorations and awards include the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters with V device, 34 awards of the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

Meyer's interests and hobbies include golf, hunting, fishing and handball.

New SMA

CSM William A. Connelly will become the next Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) July 1, Army Chief of Staff Bernard W. Rogers announced today.

Connelly will succeed SMA William G. Bainbridge, who is retiring June 30.

"I think this is a great challenge and an opportunity for me to do more for our soldiers, the NCO Corps and the Army," Connelly remarked following the announcement.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge and I'll do my best to fill the shoes of my predecessor," he said.

Connelly is currently serving as Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA. He has held this position since May 1977. His prior service includes tours in Vietnam and Germany, as well as various posts in the U.S.

A Veteran of 25 years service, Connelly has been a Command Sergeant Major since April 1973.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters with V device, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters, three Awards of the Air Medal, including one for valor, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, eight Awards of the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge and various campaign medals.

A native of Monticello, Georgia, Connelly was selected out of 77 Command Sergeants Major recommended for the position.

The position of SMA was established in 1966. The SMA serves as a personal advisor and assistant to the Chief of Staff on a number of DA boards and commissions.

Strike Force

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Department of Energy (DOE) Special Enforcement "Strike Force" teams have found gasoline price violations at 150 gas stations of 251 audited last week in New York City and Los Angeles.

Sixty gas station owners reduced prices immediately to legal levels. Most of these stations also paid penalties. Legal action was initiated against the remaining 90 stations by DOE's Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) for possible violation of gasoline price ceiling regulations.

Nationwide, more than 700 stations have been audited by DOE between February 15 and April 20th. Of these, 349 audits resulted in findings of possible overcharges and initiation of appropriate legal action.

ERA Administrator David J. Bardin said, "Audit activities are continuing around the country to assure compliance with the congressionally mandated regulations. Special Strike Force efforts will be made in particular geographic areas where serious violations appear to be occurring most frequently." Complaints received on DOE's hotline of unusually high gasoline prices are investigated by special enforcement teams. Nationwide, the toll-free hotline number for gasoline and heating oil complaints is 800-424-9246. Callers from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia suburbs may use 254-5474. Hotline hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Failure to comply with Federal Energy regulations can result in civil penalties of up to $2,500 per day for each violation, and up to $10.000 per day for each wilful violation. In addition to penalties, stations may be sued for up to three times the amount of the overcharge.

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How to avoid those PCS blues

The day you get your PCS (permanent change of station) orders marks the beginning of a very important part of your family's move . . . preparation.

As early as possible you **and** your spouse should visit the Transportation Office to fill out a DD Form 1299 — Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property. If it is impossible for you to make the move arrangements, make sure your spouse has the required power of attorney or written authority. Filling out the 1299 correctly is a must, since it is the basis on which your entire move is established. Errors in the information on this form could cost you money and delay receipt of your shipment.

When you visit the Transportation Office you will also be counseled about your upcoming move . . . your responsibilities, the mover's responsibilities, and what you can and can't ship at government expense. Do not leave the counseling session until all your questions have been answered.

If possible, give the counselor a realistic required delivery date (RDD) which will give you time to find a place to live at your new duty station and accept immediate delivery. If the mover has no delivery address, your goods will have to be placed in storage, which increases the possibility of damage because of additional handling.

Part of getting ready for a move is sorting and getting rid of things that should not be shipped. Don't wait until the last minute and risk having something packed by mistake. This is also the time to gather important documents, such as medical and personnel records that you may need enroute; separate them from the goods to be shipped.

If you're preparing for an overseas move, contact your assigned sponsor who is at the overseas location to find out what things you should ship and what to sotre. Your unaccompanied baggage — or that part of your weight allowance needed by your family immediately upon arrival at your destination — is packed and shipped separately from the bulk of your household goods. Another portion of your property may be placed in storage until your return, and should include (depending on your weight entitlement) only those things you are sure you and your family can live without for the duration of your overseas tour.

Advance preparation on your part and that of your family can mean preventing many of the problems commonly associated with a move, making **yours** much less painful.

Moving day

When the moving van arrives for packing and pickup, it is time to give your household goods your undivided attention.

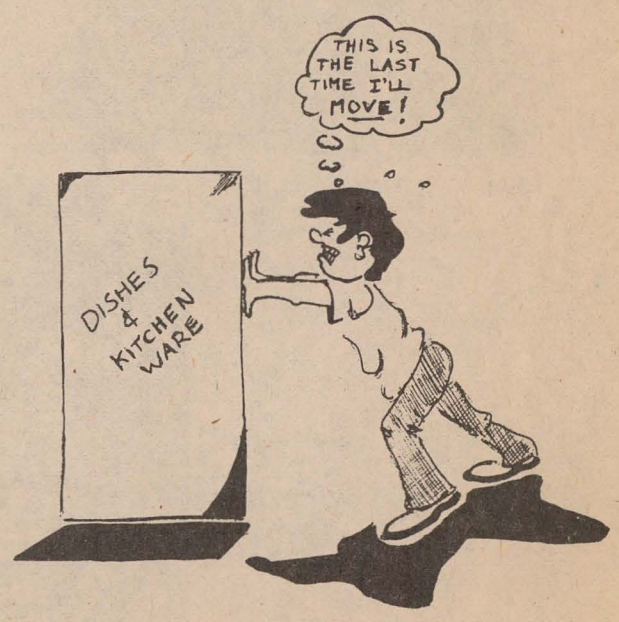
Know what you are entitled to and let the movers know it from the moment they arrive. If possible, send the children to the neighbors for the day so you can concentrate totally on the business at hand — the most important of which is to verify the mover's count and condition of your goods as listed on the Household Goods Descriptive Inventory.

On the inventory everything is listed beside a number corresponding to preprinted numbers put on each item by the movers. Make sure everything is tagged and listed on the form, since the mover will not assume liability for loss of unlisted items. Also, make certain the general contents of each box are listed on the outside — a help later on delivery day, and in discovering possible loss. Contents of cases (gun cases, etc.) should be shown separately from the cases themselves.

It is most important that you be able to read and understand the inventory. If you don't understand the mover's coded description of your furniture's condition (SC, F, R, Z, 10, 6, etc.) **ask,** since you may not agree with his assessment. The only accepted abbreviations are those appearing at the top of the mover's inventory forms. You have the right to point out any inaccuracies in the packer's description of the condition of your goods. Note and sign your disagreement on the back of the pickup inventory before signing on the front of the form.

Never argue with the packers or movers. If problems arise, call your Installation Transportation Officer. You will get a chance to evaluate the mover's services, so keep notes of what is done, or isn't done in accomplishing your move.

When the packing and loading of your household goods is completed, sign the inventory, but only after reading it thoroughly and making sure it is completely filled in. Check the number of cartons the mover states were used, and make sure that all services stated on the form were actually performed. Finally, get your copy of the inventory . . . and don't lose it.



Your POV

Shipping your privately owned vehicle (POV) overseas requires careful palanning and coordination with your Installation Transportation Office (ITO). If authorized on your orders, you are allowed to ship one personal vehicle overseas. Your ITO can tell you from which port you can ship your car and where it will arrive, and provide information on restrictions in effect in certain overseas locations.

For example, some countries have cost or color restrictions, and some require prior permission from the country before a car can be shipped. Also, because most countries have rigid vehicle inspection requirements and parts are often difficult to obtain, strict rules govern the condition of your vehicle for shipment overseas. The ITO can give you details on your car's required condition.

One problem in shipping a POV overseas is that unleaded gasoline, a requirement in catalytic converter-equipped vehicles, is generally unavailable. Ask your ITO how to protect your car's catalytic converter system and where the system can be serviced prior to shipment.

If you own a camper or other oversized vehicle, you should be aware that the service member must pay all costs for POVs in excess of 20 measurement tons. (Forty cubic feet equal one measurement ton.)

When you turn in a vehicle for shipment, terminal personnel inspect it, noting its condition on the shipping documents. They also drain the gas tank, disconnect the battery if required, and load it aboard the ship.

Before shipping your car, you should be aware of the high cost of overseas insurance premiums. For example, insurance to cover Germany's minimum liability requirements costs from $250 to $600 per year depending on the insured's age, rank and marital status.

Investigate thoroughly, plan ahead and use the expertise of your ITO for an easier POV shipment and a smoother transition to your overseas assignment.

Before going to the port to pick up your POV, contact the destination terminal to make sure it has arrived. At time of pickup, the military terminal is responsible for opening the box of emergency tools authorized for shipment in your

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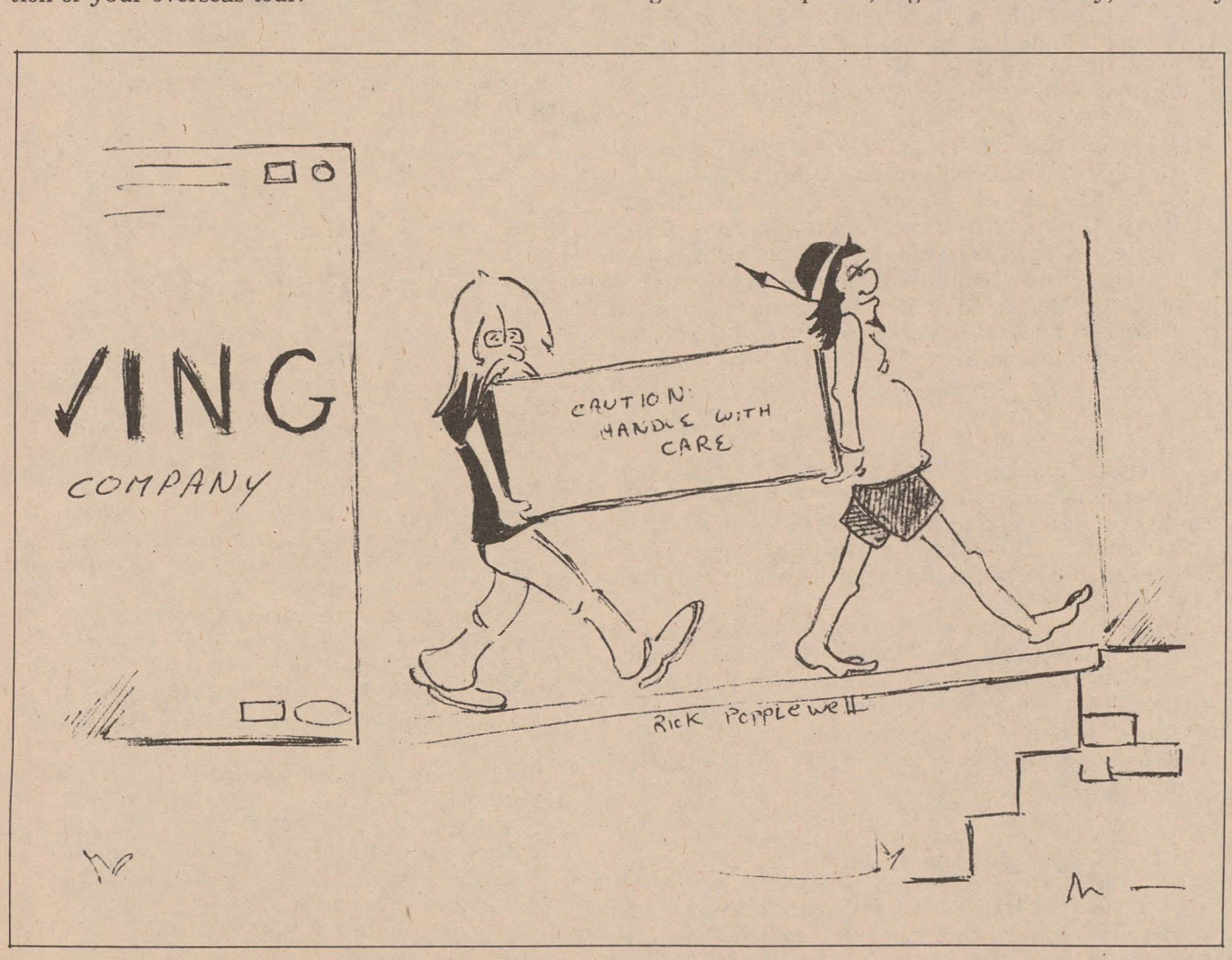

Ramblin' Sam

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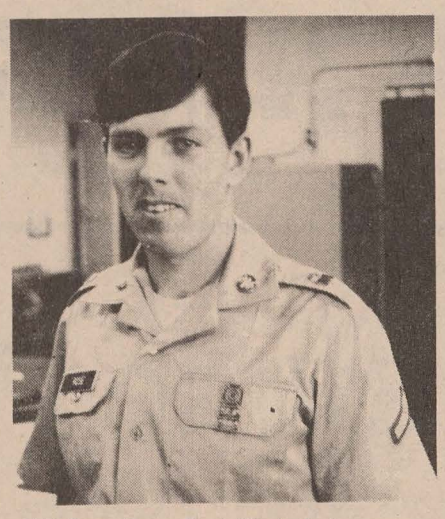
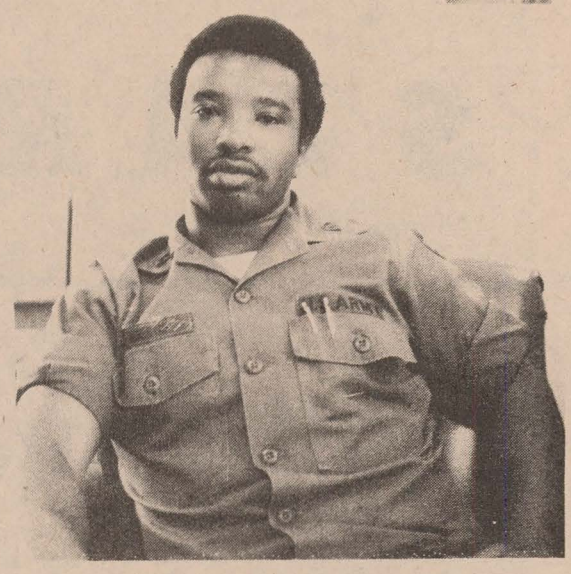
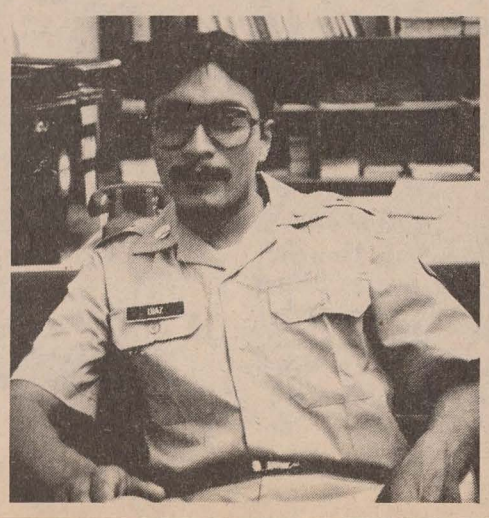


E-2 Tony Rose, Post Photo Lab — "Yes. Because I am using it to save money to buy a better car."

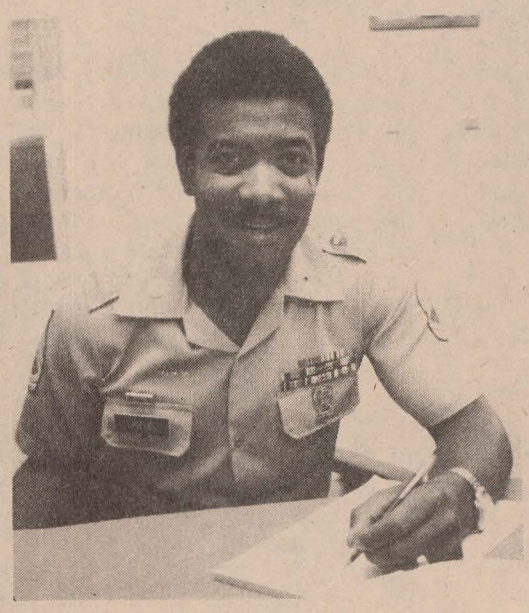


Sp5 Leon Weeks, Compact — "Yes, I am saving for the future, maybe to buy a house or to go into business."

1st Lt. Lauri Dubia, Compact — "My husband buys savings bonds and we use them as family savings."



Sp4 Pico Diaz, 163rd MP Co. — "No. I did while in basic training but I don't now, I really don't need them."



SFC John Shields, DEPSEC — "Yes, I am saving for my daughters future education."

Mrs. Eileen Craig, Admin. Services — "My husband does. It's really a good savings plan and we don't miss the money because we don't see it. Besides, it's nice to get a bond in the mail instead of a bill."

Troop Talk

by Tom Tiernan

Troop Talk bids a special welcome to the folks over at the Western Region Recruiting Command located at Fort Baker. We received a nice letter from Sgt. 1st Cl. Don Norton asking us to mention some of the things that have been happening over on the other side of the Golden Gate.

Sgt. 1st Cl. Norton is a fairly new face to Fort Baker, having arrived earlier this year from Japan. Don worked on the Pacific Stars and Stripes first as the bureau chief of the Okinawa office and then as a reporter in the Tokyo office. Don was a frequent visitor to Camp Zama where I was assigned in the Public Information Division. For his efforts in Japan, Don has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The Meritorious Service Medal has been awarded to Capt. Gary L. Williams of the Western Region Recruiting Command's (WRRC) Professional Development Division and to Capt. Augustus Lee of the WRRC's Judge Advocate's Office.

The Army Commendation Medal has been presented to Lt. Col. Jack Craig, Jr., and to Spec 5 Edmund B. Brown, Jr.

In other Fort Baker events 1st Lt. Gary Woods was awarded a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement and Sgt. 1st Cl. Michael Lower was honored with the presentation of the coveted Gold Army Recruiting Badge.

Back at the Presidio, Headquarters Company, USAG reports that Spec 4 Charlene Stokes has been awarded a DA Certificate of Achievement from 7th Army. The company bids farewell to Ruben Mercardo who is PCSing to Germany and to Sergeant Major John Reckner who is headed for MILPERCEN in D.C. The unit welcomes its new training NCO Sgt. 1st Cl. Richard Brogden.

The 16th AG Detachment has a new commander in 2nd Lt. Jonathan Stein. The detachment offers its congratulations to Spec 4 Ken Frank who recently graduated from the Primary Leadership Course and to PFC Richard Bartlett a graduate of the Wheel Vehicle Mechanic School.

There has been a lot of activity at Co. D, 864th Engineers. The company welcomes Staff Sergeants Johnny Patterson and George Quenga, Spec 4s John Spillman, Wolfred Thronton, and Robert Thompson, and 2nd Lt. James Grensted. They bid sayonara to SSgt. Rickie Bazile who is headed for some TDY at Ft. Sill, to Spec 4 Mike Haggenmiller who is PCSing to Korea, to PFC Ken Stafford who is ETSing, to Sgt. John Johnson who is headed for Korea, and to Sgt. Enrique Cabrera who will be arriving in Germany soon.

The company offers its congratulations to the following individuals who were promoted to Specialist 4: Bruce King, Edwin Soriano, Arnen Nord, Antonia Perry, Gary Pulis, Daniel Smith, Timothy South, Jamie Witcher, Marcus Henderson, Christopher Hughes, Frank Kersul, William Kleir, Donavan Lester, Bert Metzgar, Brian Benvie, Thomas Cotherman, Thomas Gianetto, Dan Gilmore, Richard Gump, and Michael Haggenmiller.

Over at the 170th MP Company 2d Lt. William Foster is moving to PMO, while PFC James Nelson and Spec 4 Trina Smith move over to the 163rd MP Company. CPL Ronald Holmes and Sgt. Dennis North have gone TDY to Alaska to participate in Northern Warfare training.

The military police company welcomes Spec 4s David Daniels and Paul Hassey, PFCs Jason Hummel, Ken Forster, and Debra Richardson, and to Pvts Greg Thompson and Douglas Inman. The unit says farewell to Spec 4 Donald Fredrick who is PCSing to Germany and to Spec 4 Richard Stevens who is ETSing.

The folks at HHD, 504th MP Battalion report that Spec 5 Arlene Washington has reenlisted for three years and a tour on Hawaii, and SSgt Harold Schwartz has reupped for three more years as has SSgt Cecil Watts.

Promotions in HHD this month go to Steve Ryan who'll don E-6 stripes and to Craig Thompson who'll be wearing the Specialist 5 insignia.

At the 163rd MP Company Spec 4 Wendall Rollins has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Action Line

Editor's Note: Action Line can be reached by dialing L - I - N - E.

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91st Division

by J. Phillip Langellier

During the dark days of 1917 the United States entered the war in Europe on the side of Great Britain, France and the other allies. The tiny regular army scarcely boasted enough men to field a handful of divisions, much less massive field armies. Consequently, many National Guard and Reserve Units went on active duty.

On August 5, 1917 one such outfit came into being; the 91st Division, composed of men from the far-western United States, the organization originally bore the nickname of "The Wild West Division." Organized at Camp Lewis, Washington on August 25, troops began to fill the ranks including a young man, Phillip Katz who joined Company 'C' of the Division's 363d Infantry Regiment. Because most of the members, Katz included, hailed from the Bay Area, the regiment became known as "San Francisco's Own."

Katz

Katz, now approaching his 91st birthday remembers that the troops started drilling in civilian clothes before their uniforms caught up with them. Morale was high, however, and when some of the Montanans in the 91st were asked in confusion where they came from, they yelled back "Powder River Let 'er Buck!" This phrase became the Division's battlecry.

Lack of uniforms were not the only problems facing recruits. Katz recounts that he enlisted in October, but "it was the following Easter Sunday when I saw my first egg in the Army." Not only was the chow bad, but conditions on the transports overseas seemed worse. The men were so tightly packed that Mr. Katz related, "I envied the sardines in their cans, they looked so comfortable."

Katz possessed more than just a sense of humor since on September 26, 1918 he demonstrated his mettle. During the battle of the Minesc - Argonne, a corporal in Katz's outfit lay wounded in the middle of open terrain. "I went after him," Katz said, "I didn't see him at first but he saw me and started yelling, 'Go back! Go back! No use two of us getting it.' " Exactly what Katz responded has escaped his mind, some sixty years later, but he believed it went something like, "Go to hell! I'm coming to getcha and I'm gonna getcha!"

Sergeant Katz indeed retrieved his comrade, and brought him back to safety. For this heroic deed, none other than General of the Armies, John J. Pershing pinned the Congressional Medal of Honor on Katz. Today, Katz's exploit, along with the story of the 91st Division in the First World War can be found in a new gallery of the Presidio Army Museum.

What the exhibit does not depict is the history of Division after it returned home. On May 13, 1919 the 91st Division disbanded at the Presidio.

An artist's conception depicting a miniature model of combat during World War I. The 91st Division fought many engagements in Italy during the war.

Then, two years later the unit became part of the organized reserves when it was reconstituted on January 24, 1921. By November a small nucleus of officers appeared when the actual organization took place, again at the Presidio. For twenty-one years these few men served as the administrational control over Reserve Officers living in Northern California.

World War II

The outbreak of World War II changed this picture since on January 30, 1942 another reorganization and redesignation created the 91st Infantry Division. By that summer, activation at Camp White, Oregon prompted memorable ceremonies which incllluded a roll call of World War I dead, presentation of the colors and a foot-sore 91-mile march. Following imtensive training at both Camp White and Camp Adam, the 91st moved out to Hampton Roads, Virginia, where it departed for Algeria in April 1943.

Seeing extensive action in Italy, the Division won more battle streamers to add to its post honors. Despite this fact, at the conclusion of the war, the 91st once more deactivated, this time on December 1, 1945 at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

A year passed when another reactivation in San Francisco brought back the 91st on the Army Reserve rolls. Today, this battle hardened unit maintains its headquarters across the Golden Gate at Fort Baker. Now titled the 91st Division (Training) its personnel still sport the distinctive green fir tree adopted in World War I, in the center of their patch.

A segment of Division Headquarters in Italy will be recreated in full size as part of the proposed 91st Division exhibit in the Presidio Army Museum. (Artwork by Brian Chin)

'The Whip' pushes the All-Army team

by Julie Casey

The "Whip" is an institution within an institution. The "Whip," Coach Jesse Liscomb, has been coaching the All-Army Track Team on and off since 1950.

His athletes have swept the Interservice Track and Field Championships for the past 11 years. For the retired lieutenant colonel, coaching is a hobby.

"I feel that as you get older, you should develop your hobbies," commented the 69-year-old gentleman.

Working at his hobby, Coach Liscomb placed four men in the 1964 Olympics. He is a soldier from the old school and a heavy believer in interval training. The athletes are prodded by his whip, a black book containing the dreaded workouts. He comes from his home in the Bronx yearly to whip the Army team up to par.

Liscomb is now preparing for the Interservice Track and Field Championships June 8 and 9 at California State University, Hayward.

Miracles

"DA gives me two and half months to work miracles with miracles. You have to play catch up with the athletes, because they are also trying to compete on a national level. You have to push them because they will be running against ahtletes who are peaking now, but you can't push them too hard," said Liscomb.

The Army runners train twice daily under the coaches whistle and move it, move it which echos across the field.

"Coaches workout are tough and grueling. The first year I came out, I thought he was trying to kill me. But when the Interservice rolled around, I was really strong," commented Wendall Angel, 400 meter intermediate hurdler who is qualified for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Nationals and the Pan American Trials.

When the athletes start slowing down, he says, "Your on my time, let's roll."

"He has what it requires to be a coach. He knows when an athlete needs a swift kick or a stroke to make him perform," commented Lt. Col. Arnold Sowell, a former All-Army track member who competed in the 1956 Olympic Games running the 800 meter run. "You don't find many nice guy coaches. Coach Liscomb works to get as much out of the athlete as possible."

Iron Grip

The 5'6" man, with shining eyes, controls the team with an iron grip. Anyone who knows Liscomb, knows they are on his time.

"I love the track and think it is one of the best sports. It brings out the best in the individual," commented the man who has been coaching since 1931.

Editor's Note: Julie Casey is a U.S. Army journalist working out with the All-Army team. For a related story see pages four and five.

Working out to be number one

Photos by John Johnson

by Julie Casey

"All-Army athletes plan to make their marks at the 1979 Interservice Track and Field Championships."

Muscles have been developing. Buckets of sweat have been poured onto the track and pounds, of that extra fat, have been melting away. The All-Army team has been gearing up for the Interservice Track and Field Championships June 8 and 9 at California State University, Hayward.

The men's team is hoping to go undefeated for the 12th year in a competition against the Navy, Air Force and Marines. For the women, the competition is a goal in itself. This will be the first official track team for military women athletes. Last year was the first year women were on the team, but their events were considered in the exhibition category only. Army women athletes plan to carry on the undefeated status of the men's team.

The championship is the culmination of nine weeks of tough two a day workouts, six days a week. Head Coach Jesse Liscomb has been dishing out the workouts with a merciless hand.

Competition should be tough for the other services with Army athletes such as Lujack Lawrence, Tommie Haynes, Mike Shine and Anthony Carter.

Lawrence, from Ft. Ord, Ca., is a one time National Record holder in the long jump. He was also a member of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes) Track and Field Team four years.

Haynes, a triple jumper placed third at the 1976 Olympics. Shine placed second at the 76 games in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

Cater, a four time All-American in the long jump, hopes to go 27 feet.

William Loyd, a 19-year-old triple jumper stationed at Ft. Lee, Va., will also be added to the ranks. Loyd is a strong competitor hoping to clear 52 feet. His record jump being 51'8".

In the distance events, Terry Crews, Rich Bega and Bob Diggs will be fortifying the ranks of the team. Crews completes the grueling 3,000 meter steeple chase in 8:50.4. Bega, a graduate of the Military Academy will be competing in the 10,000 meter run. His best time being 31:08. Diggs, an NCAA All-American, will be running the 1500 and 3,000 meter runs.

In the fast lanes, Wendall Angel will be running the 400 intermediate hurdles. He has recently qualified for the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Nationals and the Pan American Trials. Ashland Oakfield, 100 meter man, Howard Brock, 400 meter runner and Dexter Adams, 800 meter man are all strong sprinters and middle distance men adding to the depth of the team.

The women's team is being bolstered with LaVonne Neal, sprinter and 100 meter hurdler, and Rhonda Hobday, sprinter. Neal established a new 80 meter hurdle American record in 1972 while attending La Salle College, Pa. She qualified for the AAU Nationals and competed in the finals last year. She hopes to do the same this year.

Hobday was also brought out of semi-retirement to compete for the All Army team. The medical specialist, stationed at Ft. Myers, Va. hopes to qualify for the AAU Nationals in the 400 meter dash. While attending the University of Houston, she ran the 100, 200 and 400 meter sprints in 10.4, 23.2 and 53.5 seconds respectively.

For many of the athletes, the Interservice Meet is a qualifying meet for the CISM (Consil International de Sports Militaire) Games to be held this summer in Algeria. Top finishers in each of the events will be selected for the games.

Scott Leishaman and David Wiener are both competitive hammer throwers hoping to attend the CISM Games. Lieshman placed fifth in the games last year throwing 196'2". Wiener, an All-American from the Military Academy, will strengthen the US military effort. His personal best being 198'6".

Robert Stoltman, United States Track and Field Federation record holder in the discus, will also be added to the team.

The team as a whole, has a lot of depth, according to Coach Liscomb, and they will be hard to beat.

Three time national champion in the 20 km race walk, Steve Dibernardo has his sights on winning at the CISM Games. Joe Berendt is also a very competitive race walker. He is the 1978 National Champion in the 5 kilometer race walk and placed fifth in the CISM Games last year.

Whatever the outcome, the athletic performances should be outstanding with tough competitors also coming from the other services.

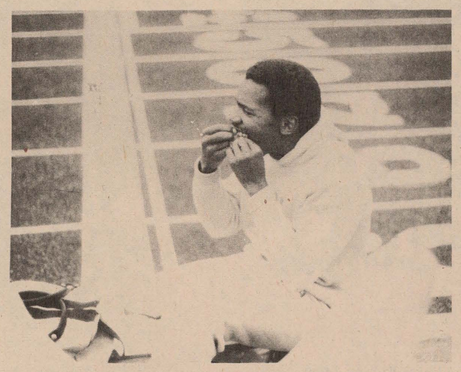
Events begin at 10:30 a.m. June 8 and 10 a.m. on June 9 with opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. on June 9.

David Wiener (Hammer Thrower)

Phares Rolle (Pole Vault)

James White (Pole Vault)

Sally McPherson (Race Walking)

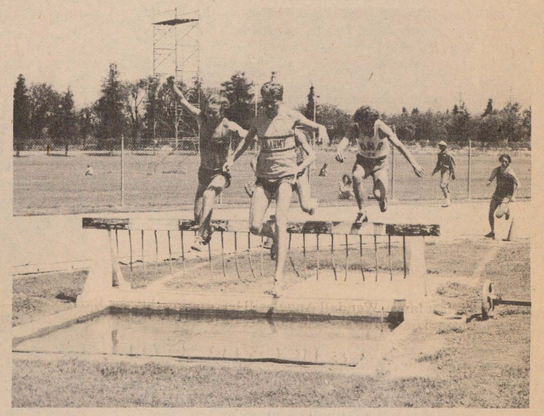


Dexter Adams (800 meter) watches the action while flossing his teeth.

Army runners push it to the end during training, working to shave those extra seconds. (Left to right) — Dexter Adams, John Dave and John Johnson.

Rhonda Hogday (Long Jump)

LaVonne Neal (hurdler)



Terry Crews wins the 3,000 meter Steeple-Chase at the San Jose Invitational.

James White (Pole Vault)

Sports

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons for Presidio youth will be offered at the Post Swimming Pool #2, Bldg. 151, between June 18 and August 8. The program will be divided into sessions. From June 18 to June 22 there will be a Swimmers Aid Training course and a Basic Rescue class offered. Then there will be 3 sessions each lasting ten week days. These sessions will be June 25 thru July 9 (July 4 excluded); July 11 thru July 24; July 26 thru August 8. Classes offered will be determined by skill level and interest of participants. Classes will be held mornings only. Registration for one or more sessions will be held at Bldg. 97 (Red Cross Bldg.) June 11 thru June 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon only. In addition there will be an opportunity to register on July 10 and July 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the same building. A $3.00 pool fee will be collected which will pay for one or all of the sessions. Youth successfully completing lessons will be given appropriate Red Cross certification. Inquiries should be directed to the Red Cross, ext. 2187 or 2188.

Aquarius

The Dolphins of Marin hosted a Memorial Day Pacific Association Open Age Group Swim Meet on May 26, 27, and 28. Thirty-seven teams including Aquarius participated in the meet held at Indian Valley College, Novato. Ribbon winners in the 8 and Under age group were LISA BELL and NICK RUSSO. POLLY SLISZ, BRIAN RUSSO, and MARK RUSSO were winners in the 11-12 year old age group. In the 13-14 year old age group DENISE TIETZE brought home a ribbon. Also coming home to the Presidio with ribbons were SARA ADAMS and BRYAN MEEGAN in the 15-18 year old age group. Swimmers obtaining new "A" times were BIANCA TRENKER in 100 meter breaststroke, POLLY SLISZ in 100 meter freestyle, BRIAN RUSSO and MARK RUSSO in 50 meter freestyle, and DENISE TIETZE in 50 meter freestyle.

Interservice Track

More than 120 male athletes representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps will be competing in the 1979 Interservice Track and Field Meet at the California State Stadium in Hayward, June 8 and 9.

The meet, held annually determines not only the Interservice champions, but also selects a 30 man team which will represent the United States in the CISM games in Algiers July 1-9. These games are sponsored by the Council, International Sport Militare.

While the men are competing for the chance to go to Algiers, 25 women from the four services will be competing for their own interservice championship.

The meet is being hosted by the Presidio of San Francisco which will also provide support for the team headed for Algiers.

All members of the general public are invited to attend the meet. Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. on June 8 and 10:00 a.m. on June 9.

Quotes

Now that the world has the facilities for transmitting intelligence rapidly it is said they are having difficulty finding enough to transmit.

—Author Unknown

One of the things the news media does very well is to make a minority look like a majority.

—Author Unknown

If you keep your mind sufficiently open, people will throw a lot of rubbish into in.

—William A. Orton

You may not remember that far back, but once upon a time movies were rated on how good they were, not on who was allowed to see them.

—Changing Times

You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements.

—Douglas

Youth Little League

MINOR LEAGUE

The Phils (Bruce Wicks, Coach) and the Solons (Rob McAuley) entered the fourth week of baseball undefeated with records of 3 - 0. The results of the last two weeks games are as follows:

Phils 7, Oaks 4
Solons 12, Seals 5
Padres 14, Stars 9
Totems 24, Oakland 3

Solons 8, Oaks 6
Phils 23, Seals 3
Totems 12, Padres 5
Stars 28, Oakland 4

Presidio League

	W	L
Phils	3	0
Totems	2	1
Oaks	1	2
Seals	0	3

Golden Gate League

	W	L
Solons	3	0
Padres	2	1
Stars	1	2
Oakland	0	3

MAJOR LEAGUE

Only one Presidio team has a perfect record after the first week of play. The Presidio Mets beat the SF Terriers 10 to 4. The Presidio Astros and the Oakland Giants lost their first game to the Bud Bears and SF Grattan respectively. The standings after the first week are:

Presidio League

	W	L
Presidio Mets	1	0
Presidio Astros	0	1
Oakland	0	1

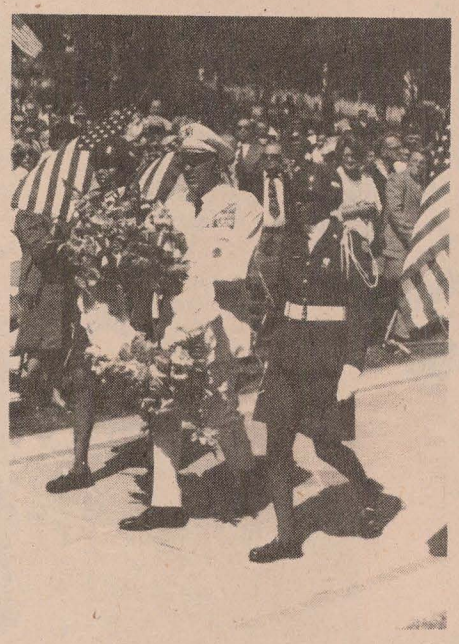
SF League

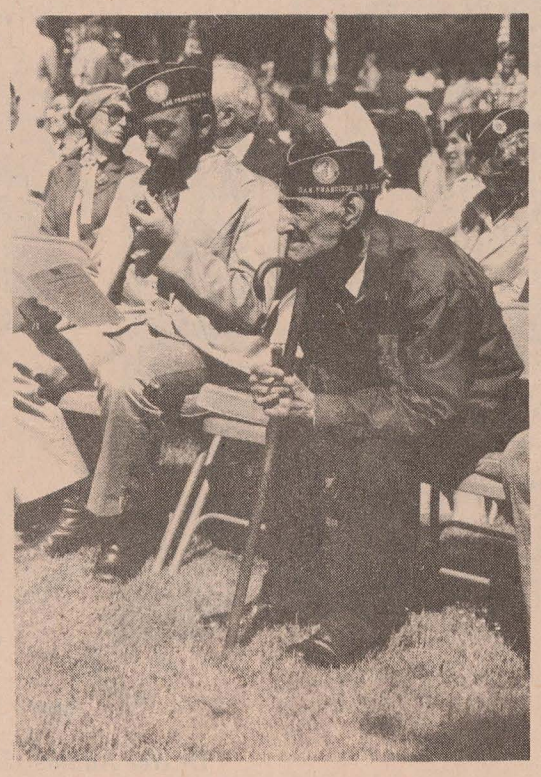
	W	L
Bud Bears	1	0
Grattan	1	0
Terriers	0	1

CAL PAL LEAGUE

The first game between the Presidio Dodgers and the Treasure Island nine was postponed until next week. All games in this league will be played on Saturday at Paul Goode field.

Memorial Day at PSF





Photos by Ken Juber

News notes

Last week's Star Presidian announced a "No Decal — No Gas" policy to be adopted on June 4th. This policy has been rescinded — REPEAT — RESCINDED.

OER Briefing Team

A DA Briefing team will visit the Presidio from June 8 to June 11 to introduce the new OER prior to the transition to the DA 67-8 (September 15 - November 1, 1979). Three briefings are scheduled and will be approximately 45 minutes to one hour in length. A question and answer period will follow each session. Briefings are scheduled as follows: 3 p.m. June 8, Presidio Main Post Theater, Bldg. 99, PSF; 9 a.m. June 11, Oakland Army Base Theater, Bldg. 660, corner of 11th and Midway Street, OARB; 2:30 p.m. June 11, Schwartz Theater, Letterman Army Medical Center, PSF, Bldg. 1105. Commanders should insure maximum attendance of all officers, warrant officers, and civilian rating officials at one of these briefings. Others involved with the preparation of OER's are encouraged to attend. Questions concerning the upcoming briefings may be directed to the Chief of COMPACT, PSF, Capt. Babylon, ext. 3727, Chief, Personnel Records Section, CW3 Gerken, ext. 2575 or 4920.

Getting a break

MOTHERS' DAY OUT: The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite you to spend a couple of hours away from the usual routine Wednesday, June 6, 1979, by leaving your child at the Religious Activities Center free, a service sponsored by the Protestant Women, from 9 to 2:30. Reservations must be made by Monday, June 4. Call Pris Davis, 561-4461, or Sharon Werne, 221-2840.

Ticket Policy

Effective May 28 through June 17, United Airlines, Trans World Airlines and American Airlines have instituted a discount coupon program. The carriers will distribute coupons to all passengers on board the aircraft and may be used to purchase subsequent travel between July 1 and December 15.

Comptroller General decision prohibits government employees and military personnel from accepting payments from private sources during performance of official duty and government is entitled to any payments that traveler receives. Accordingly, all personnel performing official government travel are required to turn in the discount coupons to the government for subsequent government use.

Therefore, all personnel who have received tickets or who subsequently receive tickets paid from government funds are directed to return the discount coupon to the installation transportation office which will be applied against future government transportation.

A copy of the DOD ruling is available in Transportation Division, Bldg. 39, Personnel Movement Branch, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Preventive dentistry

Beginning on May 26, the Dental Activities will be offering a preventive dentistry program to active duty dependents. The program will consist of a class on the proper techniques of oral hygiene, a dental examination and a topical fluoride application.

Appointements may be made through the dental clinic by phone (2385) in the afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The first appointment will consist of the class on oral hygiene techniques and a dental examination. The second will be for a topical fluoride application. Patients who fail the first appointment must reschedule by telephone during the indicated period for another appointment. Those under the age of ten will be given oral hygiene instructions at the time of receiving a topical fluoride application.

Energy Conservation

The hot summer weather is bearing down on us. Prepare for it now by practicing energy saving methods before the real hot weather arrives.

—Set air-conditioning thermostats no lower than 80 degrees. This temperature is judged to be reasonably comfortable and energy efficient. If everyone set their thermostats at 80 rather than at 72, the Nation would save more than the equivalent of 36 billion kilowatt hours of electricity. Run your air conditioner only on really hot days and clean or replace the filters at least once a month. When purchasing air conditioning equipment, get the samllest capacity to do the job.

—Deflect daytime sun with vertical louvers, awnings, or draw draperies and shades in sunny windows.

—Keep lights low or off since electric lights generate heat and add to the load on the air conditioner.

—Use vents and exhaust fans to pull heat and moisture from attics, kitchens, and laundries directly to the outside.

—Do as much cooking as possible in the early morning or late evening hours.

When you think about using your air-conditioner — think conservatively!!

Ed Center

Want to take off-duty classes at accredited civilian technical schools or colleges but aren't sure you can affort it? Well, the Army will pay 75 percent of your tuition costs. The classes you take don't even have to be MOS-related.

There is no extended service requirement for participating enlisted personnel or warrant officers. However, you must complete your course before you ETS. If you ETS while you're in a course paid for by the government, you must either extend or repay the amount the Army contributed for tuition.

Officers are required to serve a minimum commitment of two years duty after course completion. This agreement doesn't supersede other agreements nor does it preclude your prior release at the convenience of the Army.

If you renroll in a course and must withdraw for reasons other than those beyond your control, you must refund the Army's part of the tuition. Reasons beyond your control include transfer, illness, prolonged emergency leave or military duties which prevent attendance.

The Education Services Officer on your installation has all the details and can offer counseling. (FORSCOM B-21)

Youth activity

EXPLORER POST An EXPLORER Post is being organized on the Presidio for dependent youth between the ages of 14-18. Activities will include backpacking, camping, canoeing, and more. For information, call Darrin Roberts, ext 4444, during duty hours or Ext 6166 after duty hours.

Ox Roast

Forty-five miles north of San Francisco at the top of the Bay is historic Sonoma Plaza, home of the Bear Flag Revolt and the OX Roast.

For the past 12 years this quiet town has been the site of an old western tradition. On the first Sunday of each June, the Plaza comes alive with the hustle and bustle of activity. A full ox is placed on a spit and slow cooked to perfection over an open fire seasoned with fantastic spices.

In addition to the prime beef, on Sunday, June 3rd, 12 noon to 5 PM, steamed corn-on-the-cob, salad, and famous Sonoma French Bread will be served. All of this for only $5.75 pre-OX Day, or $6.50 on the day of the OX. Coffee, milk, wine, beer, and soft drinks will also be sold.

Throughout the day, entertainment will be provided by the Sonoma Valley High School Jazz Band and the U.S. Coast Guard Band.

In conjunction with the OX Roast, the Sonoma Valley Art Center will stage their 17th annual "Art in the Park" on Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd. Guests may leisurely browse through the many displays of original paintings and handicraft by well-known artists from various parts of the West Coast.

To receive tickets by return mail, send a check or money order made payable to the SONOMA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 453 First Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Tickets will also be available at the OX oast.

Viet Vets Week: *Nation's Tribute For Service In Difficult Times*

In proclaiming Vietnam Veterans Week, May 28 through June 3, 1979, to coincide with the traditional Memorial Day, President Jimmy Carter said, "It is important . . . that we remember those who answered their Nation's call in the Vietnam war with the full measure of their valor and loyalty, that we pay full tribute at last to all Americans who served in our Armed Forces in Southeast Asia. Their courage and sacrifices in that tragic conflict were made doubly difficult by the Nation's lack of agreement as to what constituted the highest duty. Instead of glory, they were too often met with our embarrassment or ignored when they returned."

As the President points out, the Vietnam War was one of the most divisive in the history of our nation. Lost in the tumult was the deserved recognition for those who served courageously in the Republic of Vietnam to help prevent a communist take-over and bring peace to that country.

The Defense and Military Departments' participation in "The National Salute to Vietnam Veterans" includes special events, displays, speeches and Service publication features which provide recognition and express gratitude to military members, civilian employees, and all of the nearly nine million Vietnam veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War Era (Aug. 5, 1964—May 7, 1975)

There will long be debate as to whether we should have engaged in the Vietnam War, but as President Jimmy Carter said in proclaiming Vietnam Veterans Week, "It is important that we remember—honestly, realistically, with humility. . . . The honor of those who died there is not tarnished by our uncertainty at the moment of their sacrifice. To them we offer our respect and gratitude."

Moving

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car, inventorying the contents, reinstalling accessories that had been removed for shipment, and inspecting the vehicle for damage or loss. Be sure any damage or loss is noted on a Private Vehicle Shipping Document (DD Form 788), which you will need — properly signed by a destination terminal representative — for any claim actions.

Damage

When your household goods are delivered to your new home, **you** are in charge. The movers must unpack everything you want them to, reassemble anything they took apart, and place all rugs and furniture **one time.** So know in advance where you want each of the larger pieces of furniture and be prepared to supervise.

As unloading begins, you or your spouse should check each carton and individual item off the inventory. Note loss or damage on the mover's inventory and/or the DD Form 619 (Statement of Accessorial Services). Scratches, dents or breaks should be marked down opposite each number, then described more specifically at the bottom of the sheet in the "remarks / exceptions" section. Be sure to keep a copy — signed by the mover — of all documents showing lost or damaged items.

Sign and date the inventory and DD Form 619 only after all damaged or missing items are listed on the mover's and your copies. It is also a good idea to write in the "received" box the statement, "Accepted subject to discovery of hidden loss or damage" before signing.

In any military household goods move, you have the right to be paid for damage to — or loss of — your property. If your goods are lost or damaged during the move or while in storage, immediately notify your destination Installation Transportation Officer (ITO).

You may file a claim directly against the mover, warehouseman or third party for the loss or damage, but you also have the right under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employee's Claims Act of 1964 to file a claim with the government. You may file both claims at the same time.

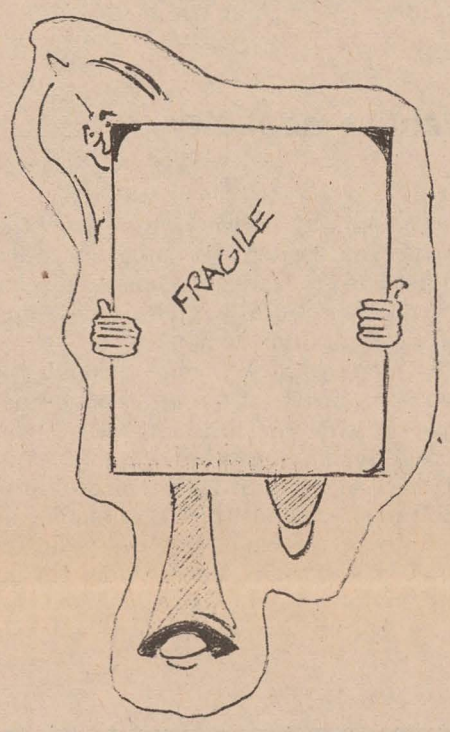
In filing your claims, it is your duty to cooperate with the Judge Advocate or Claims Officer in preparing a demand on the party responsible for the damage or loss, and to sign the demand. The liability of the other party is normally limited to 60 cents per pound per article on U.S. (CONUS) and overseas shipments. Unless there is an expressed value declaration in the case of nontemporary storage, there is a limitation of $50 per article.

Although the payment received will sometimes be sufficient to cover your loss — or adequate repairs may be made — do not count on being fully reimbursed by the mover. The amounts they may be forced to pay for damages are limited, and are normally insufficient to cover your entire loss.

In filing a claim against the government, it is important to be aware that payment is subject to several specific limitations. For details on these and any other questions about loss or damage claims, contact your local Judge Advocate or Claims Officer.

Satisfied?

Before your consider your move complete, you should record your observations on the Customer's Satisfaction Report (DD Form 1781), provided by the government inspector or destination Installation Transportation Officer, and return it within five days after delivery. Your cooperation is necessary since the Member Satisfaction Report plays a significant role in determining the overall performance of the movers, ensuring that quality service is provided to the service member.



Do it yourself

A money-making way to move your household goods to a stateside (CONUS) reassignment is the "Do-It-Yourself Movement of Personal Property Program", known as DITY. Under this program, servicemembers who move their household goods themselves can be paid up to 75 percent of the money not spent by the government to hire a professional moving company.

The program works like this: you are allowed to move yourself if, after performing a cost comparison, your Installation Transportation Officer (ITO) finds it would be cheaper to the government than a normal government bill of lading (GBL) moving company's move of your things.

The ITO tells you which rental companies are authorized to do business with the government and helps you select the proper truck or trailer. Then you pack, load and move your own household goods and other personal property. To collect your DITY pay, you have to produce the weight tickets showing the weight of your moving equipment, empty and loaded.

Even though you "do it yourself", your shipment is still insured by the government for up to $15,000. However, if damage to your shipment occurs, you have to prove it was not your fault, which may be no easy task. So far, few claims have been filed under the program.

If you are interested in a DITY move, get details from your local ITO.

Do's and Don'ts

DO:
- Be at home during packing and loading of your household goods.
- Let the mover do the packing.
- Separate professional books and papers to be listed and weighed separately from the household goods.
- Have gas and electrical appliances disconnected, and remove draperies and pictures from the walls before the packers arrive.
- Check the inventory before signing it. Be sure you understand all symbols and codes used.
- Make necessary arrangements for the handling of items of extraordinary value (HI-VAL items).
- Keep children and pets out of the mover's way.
- Call your ITO if problems or conflicts arise.
- Fill out the Quality Control Form and return it to the Transportation Office that handled your shipment.

DON'T:
- Ask the mover to pack unauthorized items.
- Do your own packing.
- Sign any blank documents or partial inventory.
- Sign anything until you are sure all services have been performed.
- Argue with the packers.
- Take out insurance that you do not fully understand.
- Ship junk, plants, and food that will spoil.

Get more carts?

One of the most frequent complaints received at the Commissary is that there are not enough shopping carts. "Get more carts!!" Carts are all over the parking lot. Just getting more carts is not the answer. Getting maximum use from available carts is required. **How can this be achieved?**

I think before answering that question it is necessary to provide some information. Fire regulations limit the number of shopping carts that should be in the Commissary to approximately 175. We currently have 178 carts on hand. In addition we have approximately 70 hand shopping baskets. If we were to make available any more carts and baskets, the store would be so crowded that it would be impossible to shop. The Commissary is an old converted warehouse, and because of its age and condition we must strictly adhere to fire regulations.

Now to address how we can achieve maximum use of shopping carts. On May 15, the bagger/carryout system was changed whereby the bagger is required to not only bag the groceries, but to take them out to and place them in the customers' vehicle - unless specifically declined. The customer pays for this service by tipping. **Why shouldn't the customer at the Presidio of San Francisco Commissary get the same service as the customer of every other commissary around the world?** The plain and simple answer is that they should and are entitled to it. However, by not insisting that the groceries be carried to their vehicle, the customers become their own worst enemies.

What will full use of the carryout service do? The first thing it will do is keep a majority of the shopping carts functioning within the Commissary. It will eliminate the need to run all over the parking lot searching for a cart. If the service is fully utilized, all shopping carts will be available for shopping and the baggers will be forced to use the carryout carts provided. Thirty additional carryout carts are on order and should be available shortly. When they arrive it will make 26 additional shopping carts that are now used to carry groceries to the vehicles.

Incidentally, all bagger/carryout personnel have signed an agreement. This agreement provides for them to do a number of things. Included is the requirement to police up carts in the parking lot, to wear a numbered identification badge and to carry the customers' groceries to the vehicle for the remuneration the customer provides in the form of a tip. We are trying to provide the service that the customer is entitled to. **Customer: don't be your own worst enemy.**

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SUN AND GHOSTS –The sun plays tricks on a wideangle fisheye lens as it looks back at the Presidio Yacht Club basin and its mooring in the late afternoon sunlight. The Golden Gate Bridge is in distance at left.

Just across the Golden Gate

Story and photos by Don Norton

She lies in slumber now, embraced by the quiet woods of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, as flocks of barn swallows and seagulls continue their annual residence in the now "off limits" buildings.

Such wasn't always the case.

Named Fort Baker in honor of Civil War commander of the California Volunteers Col. Edward D. Baker, the now-sheltered valley of white buildings and battery sites helped carve out a portion of what was to become the history of the Presidio of San Francisco and the bay area.

It was in hot and muggy July of 1846 that the long boats of Capt. John C. Fremont passed below what was destined to become the towering East walls of Cavallo Battery. The force, which included Kit Carson, Lt. Archibald Gillespie of the Marine Corps and Capt. William D. Phelps of "The Moscow," were on their way to capture the once impressive Castillo de San Joaquin across San Francisco Bay.

Later rebuilt to become what is today known as the historic Fort Point, the Castillo's Spanish guns had already fallen to ruin, three of the eight iron pieces corroded by the bay weather and one of eight bronze guns inoperative.

At one time a portion of the 1,335-acres of rugged coastal perimeter terrain that made up the Lime Point Military Reservation (Forts Cronkite, Barry and Baker) and established one year after the end of the Civil War, Baker was to eventually become "home" for several batteries of the 6th Coastal Artillery Regiment.

First organized in 1898 and "assembled at the Presidio for duty in the Philippines," the batteries of the 6th were eventually returned to the West Coast of the United States for duty at Puget Sound, the Presidio and Fort Baker.

Armed with 35-pounders until replaced by more sophisticated and modern weaponry, the Baker guns looked out over the bay from the ramparts of Yates and Cavallo Batteries challenging all that came their way.

Providing San Francisco, the West Coast and the Presidio area with a portion of the defense that was said to be "impregnable from both land and

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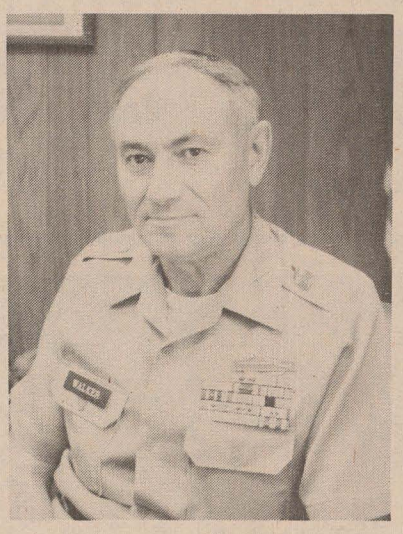
Ramblin' Sam

What do you remember about Ike?



Colonel Aaron Walker, DPTSEC - "I remember Ike as one of our best leaders during World War II. He gained the cooperation of diverse leaders like Patton, Montgomery, and DeGaulle, and achieved victory in Europe."

Sfc Richard Brogdon, Training and Reenlistment NCO, USAG - "I really don't remember much about Ike because I was just a kid. I joined the Army in 1962 when Kennedy was President and I had just turned 17."

Mr. Vern Mabry, USACIDC - "I remember his amazing ability to bring the politicians and generals together for the purpose of defeating the enemy and then as president he used that ability to gain the cooperation of the politicians for the good of the country during his administration."

Mrs. Frances Haluska, COMPACT / "I remember him as a great man and I think we were lucky to have him as a military leader during the Second World War, and in remembering Ike you have to remember D-Day, June 6, 1944."

Mr. A. Sanguinetti, Retired - "I remember that he was a good president, better than we have now. I really liked him."

1SG Jimmie Dalton, USAG - "I don't really know that much about it because I was in high school during his administration. I do remember an army uniform jacket named after him."

Commentary

Women

by Linda Kozaryn

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The days of considering women as "Guinea Pigs" in this man's Army are over. There are no more "WACS" or WAC Detachments. In fact, there's no longer a Women's Army Corps.

Although women still require different considerations in certain aspects of Army life, there is one area where women should receive totally equal treatment Contrary to some people's opinion, women do have rules and regulations governing their appearance while in uniform. In the past, however, commanders were not as familiar with the regulations governing women as they were with those for men. Consequently, men's haircuts and uniforms received close scrutiny while women were allowed to become lax. Hair below the collar, wearing earrings and ankle bracelets while in uniform, and too short or too long skirts were, and still are, commonly seen.

Some commanders felt, and possibly some still feel, that it is "ungentlemanly to criticize a woman's appearance. It was felt the WAC Detachment commander was responsible for that aspect of supervising women. Too often, commanders simply didn't take the time to dig out a copy of the regulation governing women. In some places the senior woman in the unit became the commander's unofficial advisor. Some senior women went as far as publishing booklets to help male supervisors deal with their women subordinates. The role of women in the Army has changed drastically over the years. Women are serving in combat support units, piloting helicopters: proving their value alongside their male counterparts. It's time for commanders to enforce the rules and regulations applying to women as strictly as they do for men.

DA has made the task easier. AR 670-1 (wear and appearance of Army uniforms), distributed earlier this year, combines both men's and women's uniform requirements. That extra effort to check separate regulations is no longer necessary.

Commentary

"IKE"

by Ted Elisee

I am a post war baby. I was only twelve when "Ike" left the White House, so I can't pretend to remember his administration; but I have made it a point to watch the recent TV movie 'IKE' and the rebroadcast of the D-DAY Normandy interview of General Eisenhower himself.

Ike has often been portrayed as a mild man. A slow man. A simple man. A golfer, too. Somehow, I do manage to remember the golf jokes, and a vague picture of a man waving from an oxygen tent.

The recent TV coverage of Ike rejuvenated an image too soon forgotten. Ike was a great soldier, a great general, and most of all a hero. What impressed me most of all about the general was the humility he displayed in his 1964 interview with Walter Cronkite. Perhaps what many interpreted as a mild man was actually a man who was constantly deep in thought. It seems to me that a man who had the fate of the Allied powers all to himself must have had many, many memories.

In spite of his masterminding the D-Day invasion, Ike took no credit for it. Said the general, "It was the great personal courage of the G.I.'s who made the invasion successful. I didn't do anything during the invasion - neither did the division commanders."

In this time of year when Memorial Day, D-Day and the Army B-Day is observed, let us pause and reflect on 'IKE', the man too soon forgotten, and the 'G.I.'s' who demonstrated great personal courage.

Comments and Letters to the Editor are encouraged. Letters must be signed but names will be withheld by request.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Every time I go to the Presidio Cafeteria, I come out disgusted and angry. The service is slow, the prices outrageous, and the food is awful. But, because of the limited eating facilities on post, we continue to use the Cafeteria.

A typical story: not long ago I was going to lunch and was asked to pick up something for a co-worker. I was given $2.00 for some chicken. I wanted 2 drumsticks, but there was only one in the pan when I went thru the line, the lady behind the counter would not go to the kitchen to get another piece. That turned out to be a good thing - one small piece of chicken cost $1.25, so all I could afford was one piece, anyhow. It was embarrassing to go back to the office with one small piece of chicken and only 75¢ in change. Do you suppose there's a reason I was never asked to get anything from the Cafeteria again?

Can't something be done to reduce prices or to increase the quantity and improve the quality, not to mention speeding up the service at the Cafeteria?

A Dissatisfied Customer

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Birthday celebration

At noon on Thursday, June 14, 1979, the Sixth US Army and the Presidio of San Francisco will celebrate the Army's 204th Birthday and Flag Day with a "Salute to the Army Flag" on the Main Parade Field.

During a dramatic narration of Army history, 167 battle streamers, each denoting a military campaign, will be added to the Army flag by members of the 504th Military Police Battalion. The Sixth Army Band will provide a historical musical accompaniment to highlight the spoken narrative.

All members of the Presidio community are invited to join in this celebration commemorating the proud heritage of the United States Army.

Race route

On Sunday, June 10, at sunrise (5:47 am) the first Golden Gate Ten Kilometer Race, which is a benefit for the San Francisco Art Institute, will be held beginning at the corner of Montgomery and Sheridan Streets on the Presidio of San Francisco.

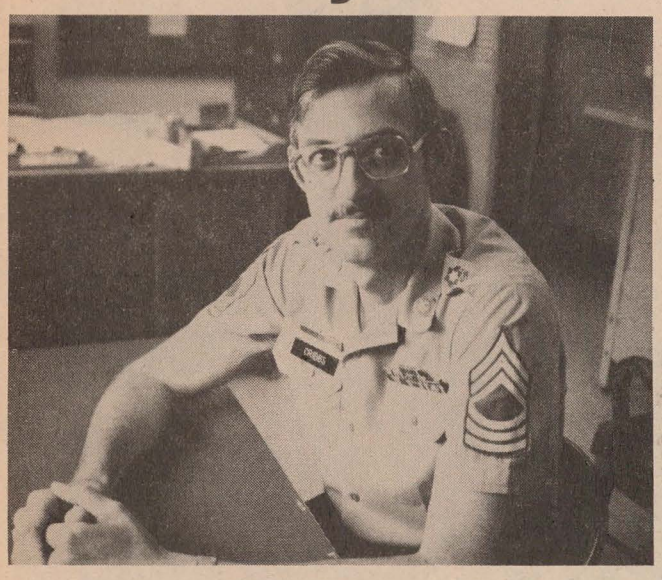
The beginning of the race will be sounded by the firing of the cannon located at the flag pole.

The route that the racers will take will be as follows: Up Montgomery to Moraga, left on Moraga to Graham, left on Graham, right at the Parade field and left on Keyes. Down Keyes to Lincoln Blvd, left on Lincoln to Montgomery, left on Montgomery to Sheridan and right on Sheridan to Lincoln Blvd again. Follow Lincoln Blvd to the Golden Gate Bridge, (Two traffic lanes will be closed for the race) and across the bridge to Alexander Ave. in Sausalito. Then, down Alexander Ave. to East Road entrance to Fort Baker. Down East Road to the finish line at the parking area at the South end of the Fort Baker Parade Ground where an award ceremony will be held. The actual length of the race is ten kilometers or 6.2 miles.

All runners are expected to finish the race by 8:30 am and the crowd is expected to clear the area by 10 am.

Race officials have promised to clear all the trash from the area before departing.

RR IX soldier of the year



by SSG Patrick B. Waters

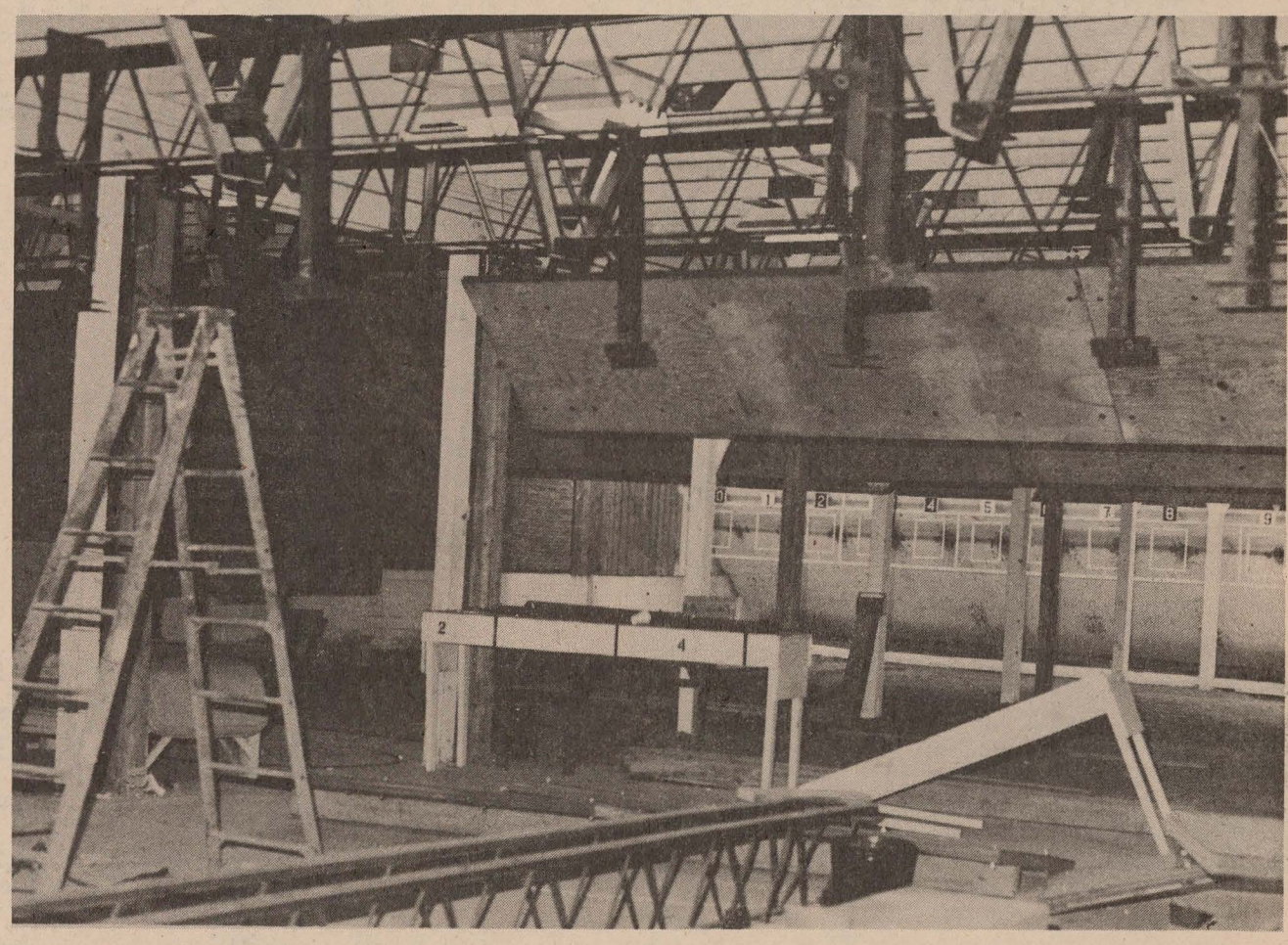
US Army Readiness Region IX conducted their Soldier of the Year Board on May 22. The board considered five applicants from the various elements that make up the Command. MSG Raymond H. Cribbs, a member of Readiness Group Presidio of San Francisco, proved victorious in the competition.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, MSG Cribbs has been a member of the US Army for nineteen years. As the Chief Enlisted Advisor on Military Intelligence he provides assistance and guidance to the Reserve Component Forces on matters pertaining to Intelligence and Security.

MSG Cribbs completed his Associate of Arts degree from the University of Maryland and is actively pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Management. Selected for attendance at the US Army's Sergeant Major Academy, MSG Cribbs and his wife will depart San Francisco in July for Fort Bliss, Texas.

MSG Cribbs will represent Army Readiness Region IX at the upcoming FORSCOM Soldier of the Year Board, which convenes on June 14 to consider nominees from ARR IX, ARR VIII and Sixth Army.

864th Engineers at work



(photo by Ken Juber)

Members of the Co D, 864th Engineers Battalion just returned from Yosemite National Park.

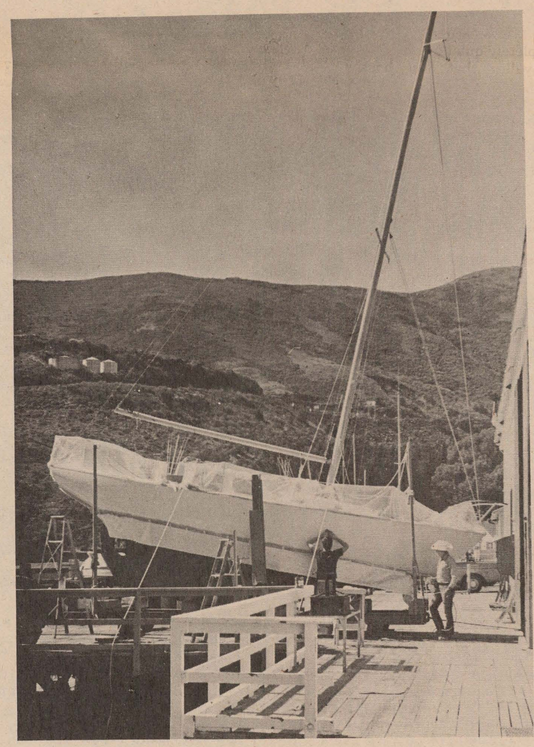
The engineers were tasked with the repair of the 48 year old "El CAPITAN" bridge. The project was led by SSgt. Bob Brice. The timber span is located at the base of El Capitan rock.

Since there were no blue prints available showing the original structure for the bridge, a lot of ingenuity on the part of the engineers was required. Said Brice, "We actually had to do our own thing to get the job done." When the project was successfully completed, the unit went on to Santa Rosa to work on a construction project at World College West.

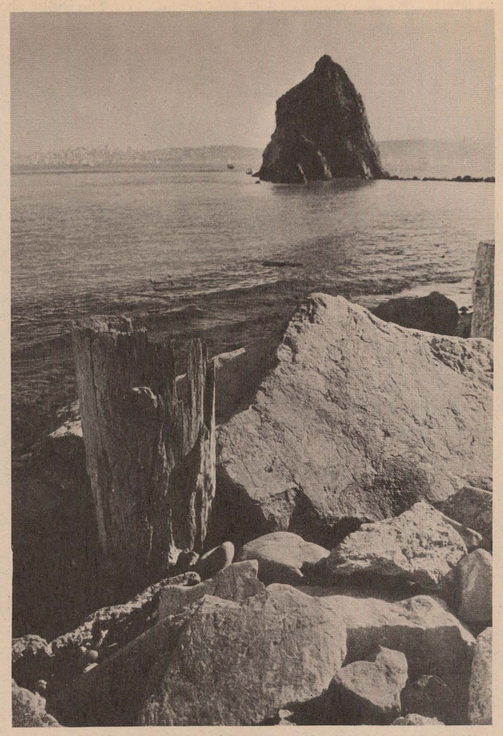
The 1st platoon of D Co. is hard at work completing the new post pistol range. The man heading the project is SSgt. James Tuttle. A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 13.

Conserve gas

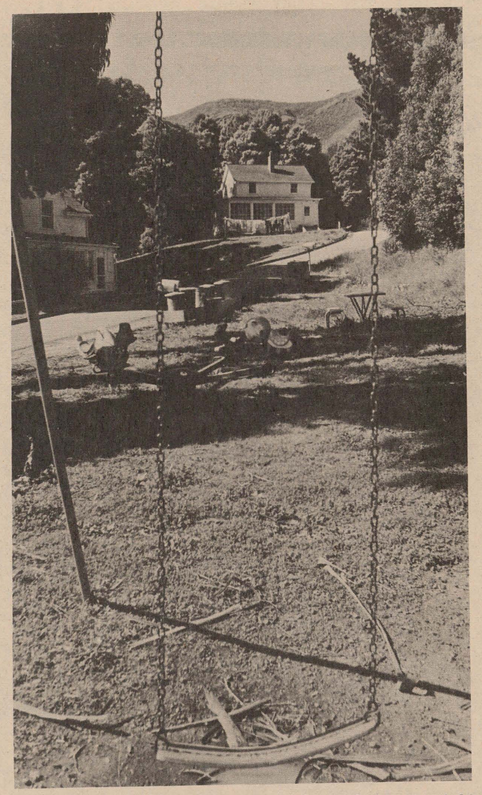
FOG DWELLERS –The fleet of the Presidio Yacht Club weekend sailors lie nearly fogbound below the spans of the Golden Gate in the light of mid-morning.



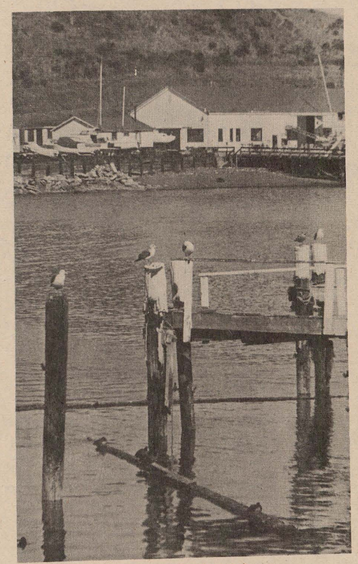
DOCK WORK –A pair of sailors turned workmen are dwarfed by their mammoth craft and the surrounding mountains as they put on some finishing touches at the work dock of Fort Baker's Presidio Yacht Club. Baker is home for the Yacht Club and three other military commands.



FLOTSAM ON A TRANQUIL BAY –A jagged piece of piling looks out over San Francisco Bay on a quiet Sunday afternoon. In the background is "The Needle," a favorite sunning spot for cormorants and seagulls.



QUIET DAY –A slightly used swing and deserted toys stay behind at a Fort Baker playground near Capehart Housing Area of Fort Baker. A Monday morning wash bends the clothes line of a family dwelling in the far distance.



GULL POST –A collection of seagulls dot the pilings of the now offlimits Moore Breakwater ramp on one side of Fort Baker's Horseshoe Bay in an effort to get some rays of the morning sun. In the background is a portion of the Army Medical Laboratory facility at Fort Baker.

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sea," the batteries inspired the viewer with great faith as to their capabilities.

"To those who are willing to take the matter of defensive armamentsin faith and the authority of competent action," wrote Compte La Chasse in the 1906 "Overland Monthly," "it may be asserted that San Francisco harbor is the most scientifically and completely protected harbor on (either) the Atlantic or Pacific seaboard . . ."

The battery guns and crews are gone now, the ramparts silent.

In their place, the men and women of the Western Region Recruiting Command Headquarters, the Army Reserve's 91st Training Division Headquarters and the Army Medical Laboratory of the Presidio dot the Murray Circle Valley in performance of their daily missions.

Surrounding them on three of four sides are the wooded hills of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area with the headquarters of the Marin County manager just off the East Road.

But it isn't always completely quiet . . .

The hills above the valley that once housed Cavallo and Yates Batteries are even today a favorite training site for the Army Reserve whose soldiers still watch the Bay much as their 6th Regiment predecessors did before them.

Murray Circle is also a natural and favorite track site for several of the 10 and 5-speed bicycle clubs. Bikers of all ages recently converged on the Baker site for just such a race outing.

The East Road is also a part of the Pacific Coast Bicentennial Route as it climbs the hill past Yates and Cavallo Batteries on its way to the port of Sausalito.

But for the most part, the hills, the batteries and Baker are left to themselves.

A long-closed gas station awaits customers that come no more.

"Intruders" who stroll too vigorously among the now-closed buildings send flocks of swallows billowing into frightened flight.

Seagulls and cormorants cling to the "Needles," a towering spire of rock in the shadow of the Golden Gate.

And far below them, in the protected harbor of Horseshoe Bay, fishermen angle from a tumbledown wharf and luxury sailboats that make up the Presidio Yacht Club fleet look out over a safe and often fog-shrouded harbor . . . a condition that the long silent batteries of Fort Baker helped to insure.

STORM OVER FORT BAKER –Ominous, dark rain clouds hover over Fort Baker and the glistening white buildings that currently make up the Army Medical Laboratory and Presidio Yacht Club. Angel Island is in the background. Warehouses dot the Baker land in the background with Yates Battery at far right.

Pure & Simple Message

JOINING Means SERVING

The theme of Army recruiting posters has changed through the years. Where once "Uncle Sam Wants You" worked, today, it is, "Join the people who've joined the Army." This Armed Forces Day 1979, however, is a time to realize that people are what it's all about.

As the recruiting literature points out, "Being a soldier means serving your country, pure and simple. It always has.

"And, it has never been easy.

"In wartime, it has meant fighting to defend ourselves, to protect our friends.

"In peacetime, it means being ready to do it again, yet hoping we never have to."

Serving as a soldier can mean learning one of hundreds of valuable skills or traveling to posts all over the world or continuing an education, but it can also mean pitching a tent in the mud and handling heavy rounds of ammo until the body aches.

It can be gruelling and exhausting, but it's all part of being a member of the Army team. Soldiers share what their soldier forebearers endured at Valley Forge, Vicksburg, Chateau Thierry or any number of ridges in Korea or rice paddies in Vietnam.

Cynics might say, "Soldiers do what they're told." A better analysis might well be, "Soldiers do what they must—in serving their country."

Presidio photography contest results

Group I
Monochrome:

a. General - "Self Hate" - **Lisa Kanemoto** (Dep)
b. People - "Roxanna" - **Lisa Kanemoto** (Dep)
c. Scenic - "Lands End" - **John Dominge** (DAC)
c. Experimental - "Street Talk" - **Lt. Jim Carrol** (AD)
d. 1. "Street Talk" - **Lt. James Caroll**
2. "Scapes" - **Sp4 Ken Juber** (Al)
3. "On the Way Over" - **Colonel John Hutton, Jr.**
HM "The Comfort" - **Lisa Kaneioto** (Dep)

Group II
Color Print

a. "At Last" - **E-5 Marion L. Story** (AD)
b. "Looking In" - **Albert Nokutis** (Retired)
c. "Alma at Sunset" - **David Black** (Retired)
d. "Sunrise over the City" - **SSgt. George Emmert** (AD)

Group III
Color Slide

a. "Depression" - **Lisa Kanemoto** (Dep)
b. "Big Kid" - **PFC Tina Juber** (AD)
c. "Golden Morning" - **Denise Lambrecht** (Dep)
d. "Merry Go Round" - **David Black** (Ret)

Black and White—

a. 1. "Self Hate" - **Lisa Kanemoto** (Dep)
2. "Stinking Badges" - **David Black** (Retired)
3. "Patterns" - **SFC Dan Lubinski** (AD)
HM "Trimming UP" - **Colonel John Hutton, Jr.**

b. 1. "Roxanna" - **Lisa Kantmoto** (Dep)
2. "Larry" - **Lisa Kanemoto**
3. "Augusto" - **Lisa Kanemoto**
HM "John and Edgar" - **John Dominge** (Civ)
HM "He was robbed" - **Colonel John E. Hutton**

c. 1. "Lands End" - **John Dominge** (Div)
2. "Bodie Ca" - **David Black** (Retired)
3. "Clouds" - **John Dominge** (Civilian)
HM "Reaching" - **Colonel John E. Hutton**
HM "Balcony" - **John Dominge** (Civ)

Color

a. 1. "At Last" - E-5 **Marion L. Story** (AD)
2. "Self Portrait" - **Lisa Kanemoto** (Dep)
HM "Surprised" - **Sp4 Ken Juber** (AD)
HM "Opening Day" - **Lt. Lance Granger** (AD)
HM "Spider at Sunset" - **SSgt. George Emmert** (AD)

b. 1. "Looking In" - **Albert Nokutis** (Retired)
2. "Papasan" - **Albert Nokutis**
HM "Harry" - **David Black** (Retired)

c. 1. "Alma at Sunset" - **David Black**
2. "Rodeo Lesson" - **PFC William Karoly** (AD)
HM "Bakers Beach Sunset" - **David Hill** (Dep)
HM "Holland" E-5 **Marion L. Story** (AD)

d. 1. "Surprise over the City" - **George Emmert**
2. "Solar Rose" - **Sp4 Don Terry**
3. "Silhouette" - **Sp4 Don Terry**

Transparencies

a. 1. "Depression" - **Lisa Kanemoto**
2. "Anthony" - **PFC Tina Juber**
3. "Rattlesnake Grass" - **Capt. Wirtz** (AD)
HM "Union Pacific" - **David Black**
HM "Spective" - **Lt. James Carroll**
HM "Heavy Burden" - **Sp5 Tom Tiernan**

b. 1. "Golden Morning" - **Denise Lambrecht** (Dep)
2. "Water under the Bridge" - **Sp4 Ken Juber**
3. "Crater Lake" - **LTC Sam Sobel**
HM "Alaska Camp Size" - **Capt. Bob Wirtz** also "Fog in Fresno"
HM "Riparian Wilderness" - **Capt. Murray Rupert**
HM "Light of Life" - **Sp4 Don Terry**

c. 1. "Big Kid" - **PFC Tina Juber**
2. "Look at Sevves" - **Lisa Kanemoto**
HM "Susan" - **David Black**

d. 1. "Merry Go Round" - **David Black**
2. "Tim" - "Golden Gate Bridge by Night" - **SSgt. Nick Lancaster**

Presidio Playhouse

"A RAISIN IN THE SUN," Lorraine Hansberry's famous play about a black family in Chicago in the 1950's, will open at the Presidio Playhouse on Friday, June 22. It will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 P.M., through July 7. There will be a special performance on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 P.M. The Presidio Players' production is being presented in conjunction with the FORSCOM Festival of the Performing Arts, and judges from Atlanta will be in attendance at this special performance.

"A RAISIN IN THE SUN" was the 1959 winner of the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play of the Year. It paved the way for the current popularity and success of black theatre in America. The play was adapted into a successful movie version, and also into a Broadway musical, "RAISIN," winner of the Best Musical of the Year.

Beginning Monday, June 18, tickets for the Playhouse production will be available at the box office from 1-5 P.M. Tickets are $3.00, and $1.00 less for military personnel, dependents, retired military, and reservists, upon presentation of ID card. All performances are open to all personnel. For further information call 561-3992 from 1-5 pm.

Soldiers may volunteer for an overseas tour

"Fifteen cities in twelve days and eleven nights - see London, Paris, Rome, Switzerland, Germany and the banks of the Suez all for the low price of $1,500."

Ever see anyone that came back from one of those tours? Their heads are still sight-swivelling.

"And to your right we have the Eiffel Tower."

"But gee, Harry, I missed it."

"Too bad, Martha, you shouldn't have blinked."

All kidding aside, some people actually enjoy traveling and want to spend a little more time in a new country. If you're one of the more adventurous types, you may want to go on an overseas assignment.

Rather than sit back and wait for your name to show up on levy, there is a way you can volunteer for overseas duty.

First, contact your local MILPO. They'll help you fill out a volunteer request on a personnel action form (DA Form 4187).

You can only volunteer for the following general overseas areas by codes: 0-any overseas area, 1-Alaska, 2-Hawaii, 3-Caribbean and South America, 4-Africa and Middle East, 5-Europe (no specific location), 6-Pacific (short tour area other than Korea), 7-Korea, 8-Pacific (long tour area other than Hawaii), and 9-Southern Europe (Italy and Greece).

If you want a long tour in the Far East for example, list code 8, Pacific, on your volunteer statement. Based on that code, you could be picked for a place such as Japan, or Okinawa.

Assignment selections are not based on specific locations or units such as Fort Greely, Alaska or Heidelberg, Germany.

Make sure you volunteer for a place where your grade and PMOS are used. If there is no requirement for you in Alaska, regardless of how often you volunteer to go, you won't get there.

If your last overseas tour was long, such as to Europe, think about volunteering for a short tour. Your career branch will look at the request very closely before approving a return assignment to another long tour, especially if your MOS is normally rotated in a long-to-short tour sequence. Three long (or short) tours in a row are rarely considered except to meet extreme Army requirements.

An approved volunteer application means you've increased your chances of being selected for overseas ahead of your peers who haven't volunteered. Normally, however, you will not move until you complete one year at your present installation.

If you're on a stabilized tour, you usually will not move until the end of the stabilization. Should you want to volunteer for overseas, but are stabilized because of an enlistment commitment, include a statement of reenlistment waiver for your present duty station stabilization. Your MILPO can help you with this.

As a volunteer for overseas duty, be prepared to move overseas within 30 days after you are alerted. It is more likely, however, that you'll proceed 90 to 180 days after you receive orders. You could remain in volunteer status for several months before receiving an assignment. Remember, there has to be a valid requirement before you can be assigned.

Your overseas application will be effective until your next PCS, unless you pass the normal overseas rotation date for your grade and MOS or request it be withdrawn. Then you may be assigned to any overseas area, consistent with current Army policy and requirements.

In order to be notified that your application was received by Branch, include a self-addressed DA Form 209 (delay, referral or follow-up notice) with your paperwork. Disapproved applications will be returned to your local MILPO by formal correspondence. If accepted, you will be identified in the enlisted master file as a volunteer.

Your MILPO will notify you when you are selected for overseas duty. Don't call your Career Branch to check on the status of your application. Until your MILPO is officially notified through the assignment system, orders will not be cut nor will any action be taken.

Soldiers presently located overseas who wish to volunteer for transfer to another foreign country should indicate their desires in block 16 of the DA Form 2635 (enlisted preference statement).

For more information about volunteering for overseas duty, contact your local MILPO or read AR 614-30.

Exploratorium may offer a class to suit the needs of your child this summer

Your children can discover more about the world around them in summer classes at San Francisco's Exploratorium. The Exploratorium will serve as a laboratory for most of the classes which include Identified Blying Objects, Light and Color, Legends and Magical Beasts, Building Soap Box Racers, Between the Tides, Music and Sound, and Computerese. The neighboring Marina Green will be the testing ground for gliders, kites, parachutes and balloons; and students will search for sea life at the Marina.

Two sessions of summer classes will be held for children ranging in age from pre-school through junior high school, beginning July 10 and July 24. The classes will meet four times a week, Tuesday through Friday, for two weeks, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Each session of eight classes is $30. Participants are welcome to bring their lunches, eat near the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon, and explore the museum in the afternoon.

The classes are:

Explore for Preschoolers (3 to 5 year olds)

Exploratorium for Young People (5 to 8 year olds)
See it. Feel it. Hear it. Explore it. Rainbow hunts, shadow dancing, disappearing pictures, enchanted trees. Young visitors can discover the wonders of the Exploratorium as they re-discover their own senses.

Light, Color, Images (6 to 9 year olds)
Use your creative forces to convert scientific principles into unusual artistic projects. Learn to use some of the Exploratorium exhibits in depth. Some projects to make and take home are colored-filtered telescopes, pinhole cameras, colored wheels and camera obscuras.

Identified Flying Objects (6 to 10 year olds)
Close encounters with the principles of aerodynamics. Discover how things fly through the construction and experimentation with gliders, kites, parachutes, balloons, and planes.

Legends, Magical Beasts, Storytelling (7 to 10 year olds)
Come and hear legends and myths about the sun, animals, the stars, vision, the rainbow. Then create your own story using puppets, masks, gestures, and dramatics. The vast space of the Exploratorium will be your theater, the sounds and lights of the exhibits will be your props.

Soap Box Racers (7 to 11 year olds)
Zoom into designing your own soap box racer. Use scraps of wood and metal from the wood, metal and electronic shops of the Exploratorium. There will be a limit on the size and elaborateness of each racer. We will have a final race to test them.

Life Between the Tides (8 to 10 year olds)
Tickle a featherworm, hunt for flatfish, feed a sea anemone, hold a starfish. Touch, examine, learn about the various animals that live in the sea. Learn to use marine biology equipment, to test salinity, water temperature, and buoyancy. There will be field trips to the nearby Marina and beach to search for sea life.

Exploring Music and Sound (12 years and older)
Buzzes, bells, bongs, clicks, whirrs, echos, whoops and hollers. Investigate the sounds inside the Exploratorium. The students will make their own tape of music (organized sound) and learn the processes of magnetic and electronic manipulation of sound (reel-to-reel tape, casette tape, slicing tape). If you have a cassette tape recorder, bring it to class.

Computerese (How to Speak BASIC with a Computer) (12 years and older)
Thinking of buying a personal computer? Afraid of computers? This class will attempt to de-mystify computers by teaching the participants the computer language BASIC and offering experience with both programming and playing games. Computer terminals and personal computers will be available to class participants.

Registration for these summer classes must be received by Friday, July 6, for Session I and Friday, July 20, for Session II. For further information, please call 563-7337.

News notes

Conserving gas

Thinking about where to go this weekend — a picnic in the mountains a hundred miles away sounds great. But wait a minute — think about the quantity of gasoline and its cost to go two hundred miles.

The importance of individual gasoline conservation cannot be over emphasized. There are more than 100 million registered cars in the U.S. A typical car, with an average fuel economy of less than 13.7 miles-per-gallon, travels about 10,000 miles each year - and consumes well over 700 gallons of gasoline.

Individual gasoline savings can be accomplished through a combination of the following suggestions:

—Join a carpool. About one-third of private automobile mileage is for commuting to and from work. If the average passenger load were increased by just one person, enough gasoline would be saved for some 67,000 cars to drive from San Francisco to New York City and back.

—Do several errands in one trip, and combine your trips with those of friends and neighbors.

—Drive at moderate speeds. Most automobiles get about 21 percent more miles per gallon on the highway at 55 miles per hour than they do at 70 miles per hour.

—Watch that idling. Do not let the motor idle for more than a minute. It takes less gasoline to restart the car than it takes to let it idle. Generally, there is no need to press the accelerator down to restart a warm engine.

—Keep your car in prime operating condition. Regular tune-ups can save you as much as 10 percent on gasoline costs. Keep the engine air filter clean and check tire pressure regularly.

—Choose accessories wisely. Purchase only the optional equipment and accessories you really need. Items like air-conditioning, automatic transmission, and power steering require considerable energy, all of which is derived from burning gasoline.

Generally, the best fuel economy is associated with low vehicle weight, small engines, manual transmission, and low axle ratio. Whenever you are using gasoline — think conservatively!! (FORSCOM E-3)

OWC activities

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will be having a Newcomers' Coffee the second Thursday of each month, beginning June 14 and continuing throughout the year. The Coffee will be held at the OWC Activities Building, T639 at 10 A.M. All officers' wives new to the Post, as well as those new to the Club, are cordially invited to attend. please call 561-4134 or 346-5398 for more information.

Women's standards changed

Enlistment eligibility criteria for men and women will be the same beginning October 1, Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. announced Friday.

The new requirements will be the same as those now in effect for men and will apply to enlistment in the active Army and the reserve components, according to the announcement.

Current enlistment criteria are based on age, citizenship, number of dependents, education and entrance test scores.

Starting October 1, women who are not high school graduates will be able to apply for enlistment if they score 31 or higher on the selection test, officials said.

Women high school graduates scoring 16 or higher will also be eligible to apply, but the 10 percent limit on those scoring less than 31 will apply to women as well as men.

The primary intent of the new policy, according to officials, is to provide men and women an equal opportunity to enlist in the Army.

Standards for women have been higher in the past because of the combat exclusion policy and related factors which close many positions to women, officials said. The army has therefore been able to meet its requirements for women at higher standards.

Army enlistment standards are set based on getting the type of soldier most likely to succeed, an analysis of the projected recruiting market and the Army's personnel requirments.

The military applicant profile — a system for selecting non-high school diploma graduates most likely to complete their first six months service — will be tested, officials added.

Summer Fun Classes

SUMMER WOOD SESSION CRAFTS CLASSES:

Beginners Woodworking Class

June 17 - July 8 every Sunday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., 4 weeks, 5 dollar fee.

July 6 - August 3 every Friday, 6:30 - 9 p.m., 5 weeks, 5 dollar fee.

July 26 - August 19, every Sunday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., 4 weeks, 5 dollar fee.

Ceramics Decoration Workshop

June 23, Saturday, 9 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., six dollars and fifty cents includes lunch.

Basic and Intermediate Drawing

August 22 - September 12, every Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., 6 weeks, 7 dollars and fifty cents fee.

Basic and Intermediate Jewelry

July 18 - August 22, every Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30, 6 weeks, seven dollars and fifty cents fee.

Wheel Thrown Pottery and Glaze Calcuation

August 1 - September 19, every Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., 8 weeks, ten dollar fee.

Beginners Photography

June 22 - July 13, every Friday, 4 weeks with field trip on Saturday

June 23, five dollar fee.

July 11 - August 1, every Wednesday, 4 weeks, with field trip on Saturday July 19, five dollar fee.

Stained Glass Construction

July 13 - August 17, every Friday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., 6 weeks, fifteen dollar fee.

Active duty military will be given priority, however, in case of space available, dependents, retired military, USA Reserves and DA Post Civilians are urged to sign-up also. Please register in advance at the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122 or call 4497.

Rec Center news

Stereo Classes: If you would like to get a good education in audio systems then you should register for this new class at the Presidio Recreation Center. There is a New class starting Thursday, June 21 thru July 27 7 - 9 p.m. Call after 4 p.m., Ext. 2000

NY Yankees vs Oakland A's on Sunday, July 8 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at your Recreation Center. We still have 20 seats left right behind Home plate. If you are a Yankess fan then this should be a MUST. Tickets are $5.00 each and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Marriott's Great America Tour: On Sunday, June 24 at 9 a.m. the Recreation Center will take 45 lucky people to Great America in Santa Clara. The cost is only $7.75 per person. This will cover your transportation, admission to the park (regular park admission alone is $9.75) parking, and the cost of all the rides. Don't wait only to be left out. Come up to the Log Cabin and sign up TODAY.

Chess Tournament: Will be held at the Recreation Center this Saturday, June 9 at 9 a.m. A USCF rating is not required.

Rock and Roll: This weekend a live rock band "nimbus" will return by popular demand to our Recreation Center at 8:30 p.m. This band will really show you what rock and roll is all about. So don't miss all the action again this Saturday night, June 9 in the Log Cabin.

Dental care

Last week's Star Presidian reported dental care being offered for dependents. The latest word from the facility is that dependents ten years old and under will be treated at the facility on a walk-in basis. The ten year old and under group does not need to set up an appointment. All other dependents will be required to have an appointment first.

New OER's

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Officers will be more involved in their performance evaluations under the new officer evaluation rating system (OERS) scheduled to begin this Fall, according to MILPERCEN officials.

A feature of the new system, officials say, is the use of a "Support Form" (DA Form 67-8-1) which will increase communication between the officer and his rater. Within the first 30 days of the rating period, the officer and rater will be required to use the form as a guide to discuss the officer's duties, responsibilities and performance objectives. Officials say the form will also act to guide the officers performance and the rater's counseling and coaching during the rating period. The form should be updated to reflect any changes.

When completed, the form includes the officer's duty description, major performance objectives and significant contributions. The rater's comments on the accuracy of the duty description and performance objectives may also be included. The form then accompanies the officer's officer evaluation rating through the rating chain. It is returned to the rated officer after it is read and considered by the senior rating official.

Properly used, officials say, the form will benefit the officer by increasing his awareness of the job responsibilities. It will also provide performance information to the rater from the rated officer's point of view. The form also helps the rating officials attain a more complete and valid evaluation, officials said.

Instructions for use of the new form will be contained in AR 623-105 scheduled for distribution in July.

The Army will begin changing to the new OERS September 15 through November 1. Officials say virtually all officers will receive one final OER using the current form during this period.

Supervisor's probation

A key feature of the Civil Service Reform Act requires that employees who become supervisors or managers serve a probationary period before they get the job permanently. Because they play such a crucial role in making Government more effective, and because that role will become even more demanding as civil service reform takes hold, this trial period will ensure that supervisors and managers of the future can meet the challenges of their positions.

A probation period is required when an employee first becomes a supervisor, as well as a separate probation period for the first managerial position. Agencies, however, may waive the managerial probation for employees who have performed successfully as supervisors.

Under OPM guidelines, agencies set the lengths of the probationary periods. They must be of reasonable fixed duration, appropriate to the position, and uniformly applied. An agency may establish different probation periods for different occupations, or a single one for all agency employees.

Once you have satisfactorily completed probation as a supervisor, you get credit for life and will never have to serve another supervisory probation, no matter how many different agencies, occupations, or positions you serve in. The same is true when you complete a managerial probation.

If you are currently serving or have served as a Federal supervisor or manager, you are exempt and need not serve a probationary period. The sole exception is that if you are currently a supervisor and later become a manager, you may, depending on agency regulations, have to serve a probationary period for managers.

If you don't satisfactorily complete the probationary period, you are entitled to return to a position no lower in grade or pay than the one you left to accept the supervisory or managerial position. You may appeal your agency's decision to return you to the lower position only if you believe the decision was based on discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, partisan political reasons, marital status, physical handicap, or age.

Probationary periods will take effect as soon as each individual agency can implement them, but no later than August 11, 1979.

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Reserves are ready to take over

by Don Terry

It's a common thing for Army personnel to worry about their pay. They would worry even more if there was suddenly a national emergency and the reserves and national guard units were mobilized and had to make sure that all the active duty soldiers were paid. That is the reason why there will be "four National Guard and Reserve Finance Companies assigned to the Presidio this summer for their two week annual training while providing an actual service," said Capt. Douglas Jewell, Commander of the 158th Finance Company.

The units that are involved in the annual training at the Presidio are: 158th Finance Company, Arizona National Guard, Phoenix, Arizona (June 3 - 17); 40th Finance Company, California National Guard, Los Angeles, California (June 17 - July 1); 372nd Finance Company, 122nd Army Reserve Component, Lark Charles, Louisiana (July 1 - 15); and the 408th Finance Company, 63rd Army Reserve Component, Los Angeles, California (July 15 - 29).

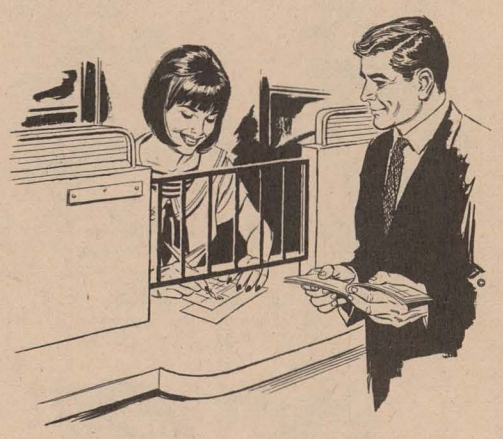
To provide a real test of the abilities of the finance companies, the companies would have to be mobilized along with the units they will support. So to prevent this actual mobilization, the Reserve and National Guard finance companies will be maintaing the financial records and providing centralized finance support services for all personnel assigned to the following units: Headquarters; Sixth US Army; Sixth Army Band; Sixth Region CID Command; 16th AG Detachment (Postal); US Army Readiness Region IX; Headquarters, PSF; 504th MP Battalion; 163rd MP Co.; 170th MP Co.; D Co., 864th Engineer Battalion; and the 51st Engineer Detachment.

No doubt there is a possibility that liabilities can come from this type of training, such as: erroneous payments, high error rates, late submission rates, increase in pay inquiries, and a backlog in document processing. Rather than face these failures during mobilization in time of national emergency the Army is willing to risk the liabilities of failure during their annual training. This will provide an opportunity for errors to be corrected while "it provides good training and keeps us busy," said SSgt. Ross Larson, travel section supervisor. SSgt. Larson whose civilian job is as an IRS agent further commented that "at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona they would just try to fit us in where they could and we would end up being gophers and fighting for work with their summer help. Here we are handling the actual payrolls of the units on post."

"Instead of sitting alongside of someone and watching them do the work or being in a classroom we are actually doing the job ourselves," said Sp5 Brad Andrews, travel compute clerk. Andrews is a full time accounts maintenance clerk with the Army National Guard.

Second Lt. Dennis Tyrrell, Finance Officer, Military Pay, is a state auditor in his civilian job. "I believe that this type of training is helping our unit to develop as a team and helps to build morale. The finance people of the Presidio are there to help us but they are not doing the work for us; so we either sink or swim," said Tyrrell.

The annual training that is being conducted here this year will provide guidance in preparing training during the coming year so that the weak areas will be corrected by next year. "This will help develop a more proficient team as well as building leadership," commented MSG Kris Sheets, Finance Operations Chief. MSG Sheets is a high school teacher in the civilian world and teaches Marketing and Merchandising. He said, "the primary mission is to make sure that the people get paid. That couldn't have been accomplished if it hadn't been for the full support of the active duty personnel and the advance preparation in having everything set up and ready to start work when the unit arrived. The patience and willingness of the finance personnel to help is really encouraging."



'Organizational Effectiveness'

by Eileen Welsh

By now, most military and Department of the Army Civilians have heard the term "Organizational Effectiveness" at one time or another while working here at the Presidio. It has been in the Army formally for about four years and the Presidio has had its own OE staff officer for two years. Many of the people associate the total OE process with whatever exposure they have had to it. Some have been to Leadership and Management Development Courses, Change of Command Transition Workshops, Time Management Meetings or have taken an organizational survey. All these are part of the OE process but are not all inclusive. They are all tools which the Cdr and the OESO can use to increase the effectiveness of the unit.

What is the "process" that is referred to as OE? It is merely four steps of activity that are sequential and that can be continuous. The essence of the four-step process is that it is a deliberate step-by-step effort directed towards organizational improvement. It is not a process whereby the OESO, as a specialist, does something to the organization. Rather, he helps the members themselves make the improvements.

The sequence of events nearly always starts with a request from a commander or supervisor to the OESO; it is usually an informal phone call or a face-to-face conversation. The OESO will follow-up with a meeting to identify the perceived areas of concern. At this same meeting, the OESO will insure that the potential client understands the OE process. Based on the information provided, the OESO describes how he sees the job and how he can help. If both the OESO and the client agree to continue, then a formal or informal arrangement will be made with such considerations as expectations, time, and logistical requirements. Now the first step, assessment, begins.

The assessment includes review of historical data, observations, individual and group interviews, questionnaires or any combination of these methods. The OESO tailors the assessment technique to gather date to the needs of the organization. The OESO will be looking at the organizational processes and their impact. Such processes include some of the following: communication, motivation, planning, decision-making, leadership, coordination and conflict management. Once the information is gathered, it is given back to the Cdr. In giving the data, the OESO will be abiding by several core concepts of OE. One is that it will be descriptive, non-judgmental feedback of what's going on in the organization and not what should be going on. The commander is the only one who has the right to make a "what should be" type of judgment. The OESO will also be practicing confidentiality and anonymity. The information is for the Cdr alone and no one else. The Commander makes the decision to share the information up and down the chain-of-command. The OESO will not divulge to the Cdr which individuals make comments or within which sub-elements he found a particular portion of the feedback.

Based on the assessment, and assuming the com-

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Hay! Soldiers need thanks too!

By Joyce Lynch

"If I goof up, he's the first to let me know about it. But all the times I do a good job, he never says a word."

My ears perked up as I overheard this fragment of conversation between two disenchanted young soldiers. As I pretended not to listen, they aired their reasons for counting the days till their enlistment would be finished.

Not one word did I hear about how hard the work was. Neither complained of after-hours duty. They expressed no gripes about barracks life or mess hall chow. Nothing was said about the pay. Yet these two clean-cut serious looking enlistees wanted *out*.

Although their feelings were expressed in a number of ways, the source of their disenchantment with the Army boiled down to a simple, human factor: their leader never made them feel worthwhile, *appreciated*.

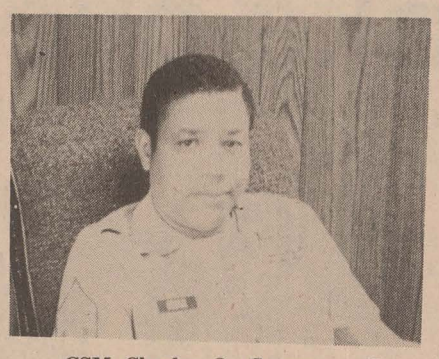
It reminded me of this story told by Dale Carnegie, in his "How to Win Friends and Influence People:"

A farm woman, at the end of a heavy day's work, set before her men folks a heaping pile of hay. When they indignantly demanded whether she'd gone crazy, she replied: "Why, how did I know you'd notice? I've been cooking for you men for the last twenty years, and in all that time I ain't heard no word to let me know you wasn't just eatin' hay!"

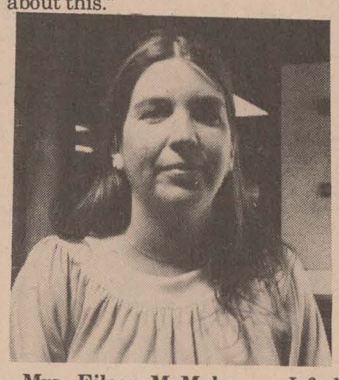
How about it, supervisors? Maybe the people who work for you aren't always perfect, but every one of them produces something good sometime. *And that ain't hay!*

Ramblin' Sam

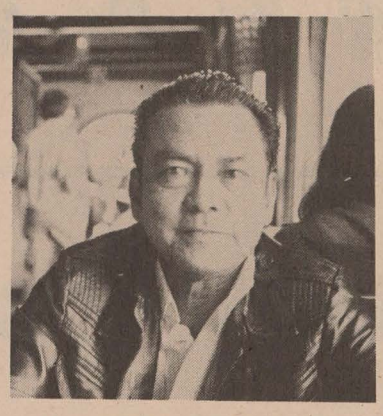
What do you think of the Medical care at LAMC?



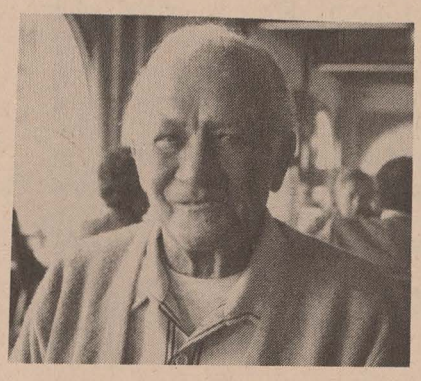
CSM Charles O. George — "I think the care is superb. They give me the best care I've ever received. They work hard on the wards. The people are courteous. I've told the SGM's and the XO about this."



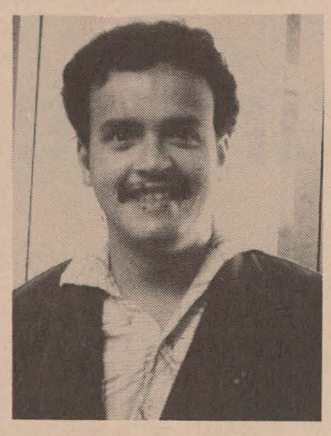
Mrs. Eileen McMahon — I feel the hospital is under staffed. The care is okay, but I think it is obvious that there is not enough doctors to go around. I've never complained though.



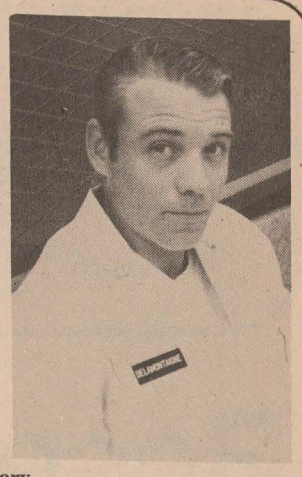
Mr. Alejardro Misland, Food Service Worker, LAMC — "It's not bad now. It takes too long to get into the system though. There is too much screening before you see a doctor. The care is just okay. To complain about the care wouldn't do any good."



Mr. Willis McCarthy, Retired — "I've always liked it. I've always had good care. I've had three major operations at LAMC. I've always told the people about their good work."

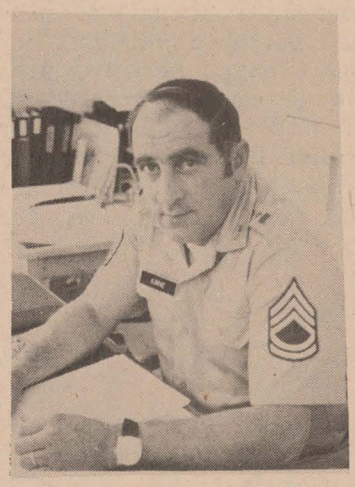


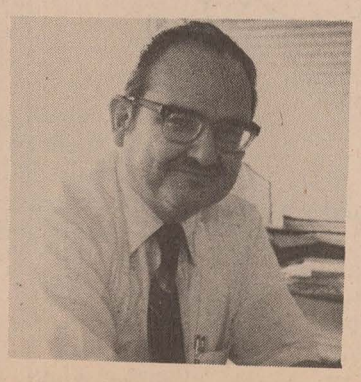
Sp4 Robert Delamontaigne, Dining Facility, 170th MP Co. — "X-Ray is too slow. It should be speeded up. At the pharmacy, even if you have to return to work, you have to wait just as long as the other people. I've never complained but I'm sure the other people feel the same as I do."



Mike Quinones, 163rd Military MP Co. — "The service is fine. You have professional civilians over there. The military are okay. Unfortunately, the military have other duties that distracts them from medical care."

SFC Donald Kinne, Opns NCO, DPTSEC — "I hate to complain, but the medical care is bad all around. It's a hassle from the moment you walk into the door until the moment you walk out. The personnel are discourteous. Several times I have complained to the IG and to the SGM of the hospital.





Mr. Ed Foster, Budget Analyst, Comptroller — "I think the care is outstanding. I've been using the hospital for over ten years. I've always complemented the personnel who cared for my family, in person."

Commentary

"The Duke" was just an American

by Tom Tiernan

"The Duke" is dead. The man who for more than 50 years has been a living symbol of the American spirit is gone.

John Wayne was a simple man who thought little of fame and thought of himself simply as a man, an American, and a patriot.

He was proud of being a patriotic American. Even in an era when patriotism was a scorned and dying American value, "the Duke" stood tall defending his country against those who attacked her.

John Wayne was a friend of the American fighting man. Many times he joined his good friend Bob Hope and flew to the war zones to entertain the troops and visit the wounded.

He was an inspiration for not only soldiers, sailors, and airmen, but also to the ordinary citizen back home waiting for the war to be over. "The Duke" often appeared on the screen in the uniform of his country. In Army green, Navy white, Air Force blue, and Marin khaki, John Wayne portrayed the American fighting man as brave, loyal, compassionate, and most of all patriotic, traits which he possessed on and off the screen.

John Wayne liked people. He liked to help them. Even at the end he continued to help by urging people to get cancer check-ups and by volunteering to participate in a cancer research project.

"The Duke" was a fighter and he continued to fight until the very end. He never lost a battle in his movies and many felt that he could whip cancer just one more time. But our brave soldier finally was overwhelmed.

There may never be another man like John Wayne. He was so many things to so many people that his shoes will be hard to fill. But to "the Duke," John Wayne was just an American. And I think that's how he'd like to be remembered.

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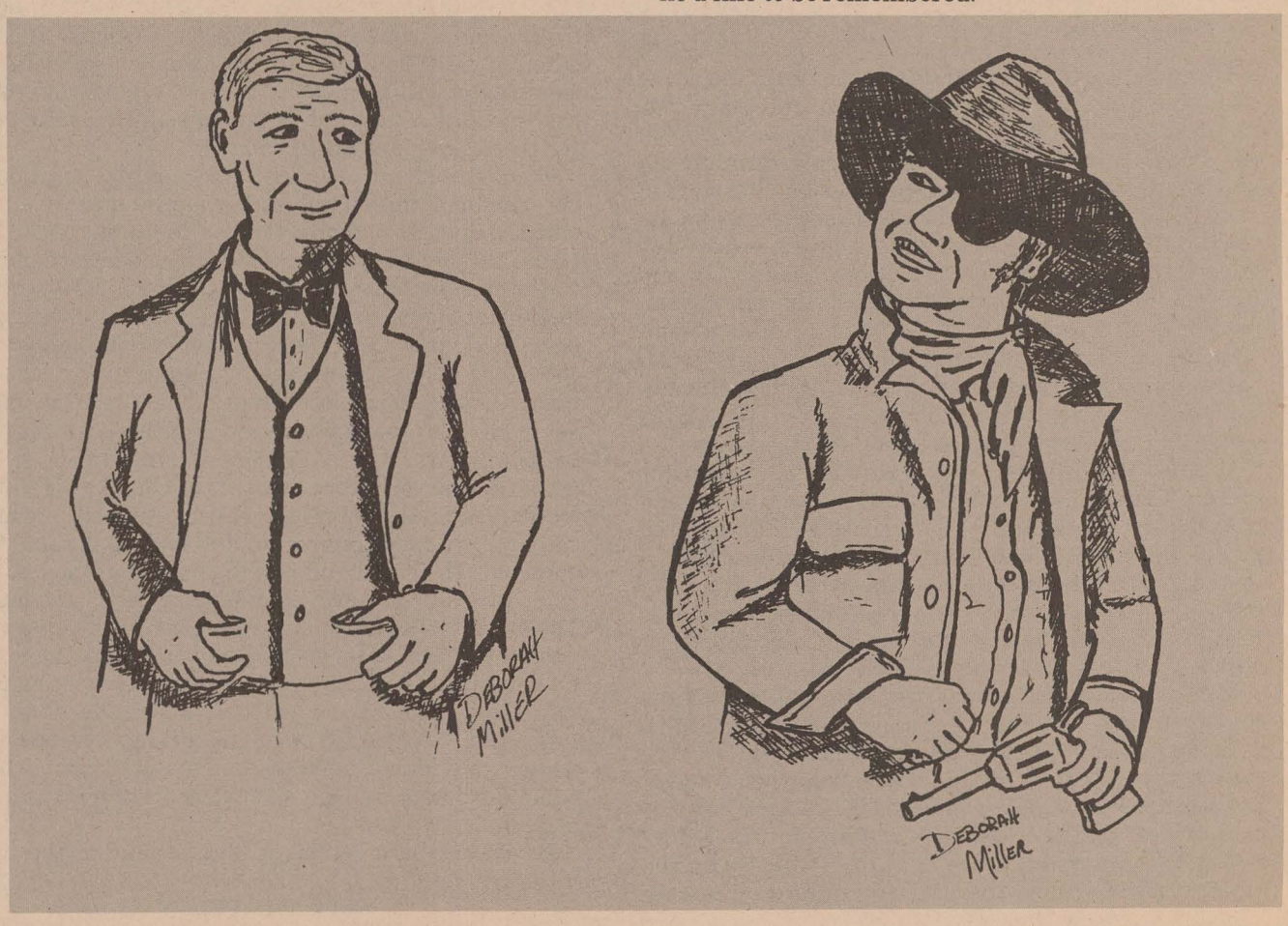
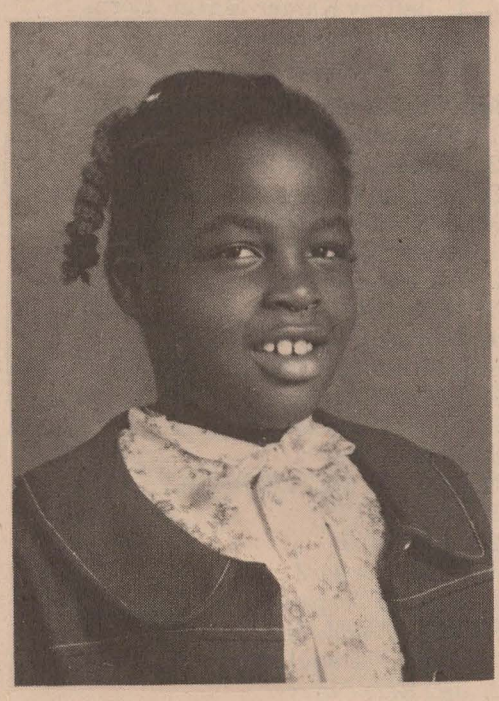


Aquarius Swim team member is a promising student too



Miss Lisa Bell, an eight year old, third grade student at Sherman School was selected by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for the Sixth Annual Scholarship Leadership Award. Lisa was selected for the award because she has demonstrated continued scholarship and academic potential. She is one of ten black students who are recognized by the fraternity each year. Lisa is the daughter of SGM Louis (Sixth Army IG Office) and Mrs. Charlene Bell.

Summer School openings

The Presidio Pre-School & Kindergarten has a limited number of openings for the summer school program for children age 2.9 to 6.5 years old. If you are interested in enrolling your child for the summer or for the fall session contact Mrs. Arlyene Ballard Director at 561-4805.

Vet report on rabies

by Dr. Konnermann, Vet Activity

The recent outbreak of animal rabies in El Paso, Texas is a reminder to everyone that they should keep the rabies vaccination status of their animals current. There is **not** an epidemic in this area. There is a low level of rabies in the wild animal population, especially skunks, in the more rural portions of the Bay area. Unvaccinated dogs and cats that come in contact with a rabid animal are highly susceptible to the disease.

Besides pet and stray dogs and cats, the other way persons are exposed to rabies is through wild animals, especially young animals. The reason that a baby skunk is an orphan may well be that the mother skunk died of rabies. If so, the baby has already been infected. The best bet is to leave all wild animals that act unusual (that means **not afraid**) strictly alone, and report them to the police or wildlife authorities.

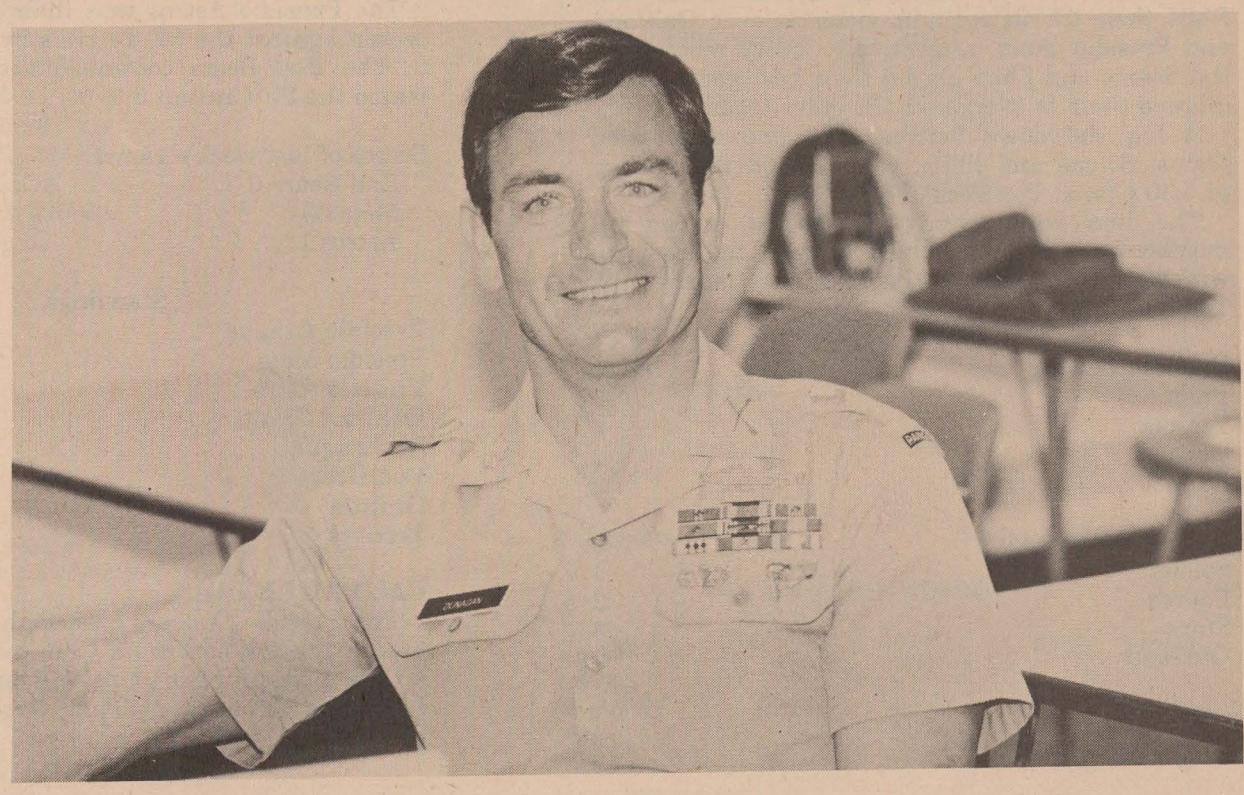
Prevention of human rabies depends on several factors. The primary one is vaccination of companion animals. All dogs and **cats** are required to be vaccinated against rabies every two years by California law. Army regulations require yearly vaccinations, just to be safe. If your animal is vaccinated, there is almost no chance that rabies could be contracted, or you could be exposed.

Rabies vaccinations are available to the military community at reduced charge from the Presidio Animal Disease Prevention and Control Facility. Call 561-3744 for an appointment.

(Above) Allen White **(left) assists auctioneer.**

(Below) Crissy Friese **is decorated by Sally Henderson. (photos by Alfred W. Slovenz)**

Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester put on **his auctioneer's hat recently. The auction was for the benefit of the Presidio Pre-School and kindergarten. The Auction/bazaar netted one thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars. The money will be used for books and audio visual materials. Some of the items auctioned were: a roll top desk, a mini-sail boat and ceramics. Special contributors and coordinators were Major and Mrs. Harold McCartney, Mrs. Ann Welter, Specialist Steve Friese and Mrs. Jo Yasalonis.**



Major Kern W. Dunagan, assistant professor **of Military Science at the University of San Francisco was awarded a silver medal for placing second in the 45-49 year old category of the Senior Olympic Marathon held in Irvine, California on May 13.**

Dunagan competed against approximately 160 entrants in the marathon and finished the 26-mile, 385-yard race in 3:22:14.

"I really didn't go to win; it was my first marathon. I chose this particular marathon to celebrate Mother's Day with my mother. May 13 is also the tenth year, to the day, of an action in which I was seriously wounded. It was a special way I chose to say thanks.", he commented.

Dunagan is a resident of Daly City and also a Medal of Honor winner.

Complete results of Inter-Service Meet at Hayward

by Tom Tiernan

The All Army Track team easily out distanced its sister services to capture the men's and women's 1979 Interservice Track and Field Championship held June 8 and 9 at the California State University stadium in Hayward.

The Army's victory marks the second straight year the men have captured the crown. The soldier-athletes did so running away from second place Air Force 103-54. The Navy finished third with 42 and the Marines tallied 21.

The Army women had little trouble capturing the first ever track and field crown for service women, out pacing the second place Marine Corps 49-25. The Air Force came in third with 20 points and the Navy, which only had two participants finished with 2 points.

Mike Shine, silver medalist in the 1976 Olympics, set a new Cal State stadium record with a 50.0 second time in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, leading the Army to a sweep of the first two spots in the event. Shine also finished second with a 13.9 time in the 110 meter hurdles, and was a member of the Army's 1600 meter relay team which captured first place in their race.

Another Olympian from 1976, Tommy Haynes, took first place honors in the triple and long jumps.

Rhonda Hobday and Lavonne Neal lead the Army women to victory and their first track and field crown. Hobday captured first place in the 100 and 200 meter dash and second in the long jump. Neal captured first in the 100 meter hurdles, second in the 100 and 200 meter dash.

Besides determining the Interservice champions, the 1979 meet selected a 30 man team to represent the United States in the Council, Internationale Sports Militare (CISM) games to be held in July in Algiers.

The 1979 Interservice Track and Field meet was hosted by the Presidio of San Francisco. The post received a great deal of assistance from the Cal State athletic staff headed by track coach Jim Santos, who served as meet director. Santos has been selected as the jump coach for the 1980 U.S. Olympic team.

Results 1979 Interservice Track and Field Meet
California State University stadium

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS

Army	103
Air Force	54
Navy	42
Marine Corps	21

MEN'S HAMMER THROW
1. Scott Leishman-Army
2. David Wiener-Army
3. Kent Mack-Navy

DISCUS MEN
1. Glenn Passey-Air Force
2. Duane Fuller-Army
3. Drik Christiansen-Navy

MEN'S 800 METER RUN
1. Wendell Angel-Army
2. John Davis-Army
3. Jeffrey Kramer-Marine Corps

MEN'S LONG JUMP
1. Tommy Haynes-Army
2. Anthony Carter-Army
3. Derrick Brodnax-Marine Corps

MEN'S HIGH JUMP
1. Dennis Deloach-Navy
2. Michael Moore-Navy
3. Joseph Brown-Marine Corps

MEN'S 100 METER DASH
1. Marvin Baker-Air Force
2. Charles Hogan-Air Force
3. Doug Stone-Navy

MEN'S 110 METER HURDLES
1. Ashland Whitefield-Army
2. Mike Shine-Army
3. Tim Bridges-Air Force

MEN'S 400 METER DASH
1. Howard Brooks-Army
2. Mark Webster-Air Force
3. Robert Cox

MEN'S 400 METER RELAY
1. Army-40.7
2. Navy-40.9
3. Air Force 41.2
4. Marine Corps-41.7

MEN'S JAVELIN
1. Keith Marshall-Army
2. Jay Bass-Navy
3. Dick Legas-Air Force

MEN'S SHOT PUT
1. Scott Haney-Navy
2. Bob Long-Army
3. Eric Christensen-Navy

MEN'S 1500 METER RUN
1. Jeffrey Kamer-Marine Corps
2. Mike Layman-Air Force
3. Mike Murzyn-Air Force

MEN'S 400 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES
1. Mike Shine-Army
2. Wendell Angel-Army
3. Malcom Gunies-Air Force

MEN'S 1600 METER RELAY
1. Army-3:10.09
2. Air Force-3:11.0
3. Navy-3:15.5
4. Marine Corps-3:18.6

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MEN'S 10,000 METER RUN
1. Walt Saeger-Air Force
2. Richard Clear-Marine Corps
3. Mike Murzyn-Air Force

MEN'S POLE VAULT
1. Mike White-Air Force
2. Phares Rolle-Army
3. Steve Rasamen-Air Force

MEN'S 3000 METER STAPLECHASE
1. Kurt Alitz-Army
2. Terry Crews-Army
3. Bob Gray-Marine Corps

MEN'S TRIPLE JUMP
1. Tommy Haynes-Army
2. William Loyd-Army
3. Bill McClellan-Air Force

MEN'S 200 METER RUN
1. Lester Washington-Army
2. Doug Stone-Navy
3. Johnny Williams-Army

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Army	49
2. Marine Corps	25
3. Air Force	20
4. Navy	2

WOMEN'S 200 METER DASH
1. Rhonda Hobday-Army
2. Lavonne Neal-Army
3. Kim Wood-Army

WOMEN'S SHOT PUT
1. Julianne Raeger-Marine Corps
2. Sharon Barnes-Air Force
3. Cheryl Faimon-Army

WOMEN'S 3000 METER RUN
1. Jeannie Hoover-Air Force
2. Karen Wilson-Marine Corps
3. Julie Casey-Army

WOMEN'S DISCUS
1. Cheryl Faimon-Amry
2. Julianne Raeger-Marine Corps
3. Debra Hughes-Navy

WOMEN'S 100 METER HURDLES
1. Lavonne Neal-Army
2. Pansy Gardner-Air Force
3. Jennifer Gilbert-Army

WOMEN'S 1500 METER RUN
1. Denise White-Marine Corps
2. Jeanne Picirrello-Air Force
3. Therese Falk-Air Force

LaVonne Neal (hurdler)

WOMEN'S 100 METER DASH
1. Rhonda Hobday-Army
2. Lavonne Neal-Army
3. Kim Moore-Army

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP
1. Deborah Borges-Marine Corps
2. Rhonda Hobday-Army
3. Kim Moore-Army

WOMEN'S 400 METER RELAY
1. Army-49.6
2. Air Force-52.03
3. Marines-52.10

1500 METER WALK MALE AND FEMALE (EXHIBITION)
1. Steve Dibernardo-Army
2. Joseph Berendt-Army
3. Larry Aviles-Army

Presidio Sports all around

Youth Little League

MINOR LEAGUE

Shawn Hirst led the Presidio Oaks to a 11 to 5 victory over the Padres with three hits. Shawn had an inside the park home run, a triple and a double. Ernest Boatner and Fred Kaas made numerous outstanding defensive plays to keep the game out of reach for the Padres.

A complete team effort gave the Solons and Phils their fourth straight victories over Oakland and Presidio Stars, respectively. Every member of the Solons and Phils played their best game which allowed them to overpower the other teams.

A big showdown between the two undefeated teams, Solons and Phils, will be held this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Pop Hicks Field.

The hits were evenly distributed among all members of the team which allowed the Seals to win their first game of the season by beating the Totems 13 to 11.

Presidio League	**W**	**L**
Phils	4	0
Totems	2	2
Oaks	2	2
Seals	1	3

Golden Gate League	**W**	**L**
Solons	4	0
Padres	2	2
Stars	1	3
Oakland	0	4

MAJOR LEAGUE

Mike Heller drove in 7 runs with two home runs and Tony Dunigan hit his first homer of the season as the Presidio Mets beat Oakland 20 to 4. Heller's grand slam homer not only cleared the center field fence, but also went over the scoreboard which is approximately 5 yards beyond the fence.

The Presidio Astros won their first game of the season against the SF Terriers by the score of 1 to 0. The Bud Bears continued to win as they defeated the SF Grattan 6 to 0.

Scores of last week's games:

Bud Bears 6	Grattan 0
Mets 20	Oakland 4
Astros 1	Terriers 0

Standings

Presidio League	**W**	**L**
Presidio Mets	2	0
Presidio Astro	1	1
Oakland Giants	0	2
SF League	**W**	**L**
Bud Bears	2	0
Grattan	1	1
Terriers	0	2

CAL PAL LEAGUE

The Presidio Dodgers opened their season with a loss to the Mission Boy's Club by a score of 10 to 4. The Dodgers next game will be against reasure Island on June 14 at Paul Goode Field at 5:30 p.m.

POST GOLF TOURNAMENT

The PSF Post Golf Tournament will be conducted at the Presidio Golf Course on June 20-21. Tournament is open to all active duty personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio. Tee-Off time 8 a.m. each day. Entries are now being accepted by the Sports Ofice, telephone 5032/4120.

POST LEVEL SOFTBALL TEAM

The men of Presidio's Post Softball Team swept a doubleheader from Beale AFB to move into second place in the Northern California Armed Forces League with a 6 win and 2 loss record.

In the first game PFC Steven Garwood of the 51st Engr Det carried the hot bat by starting things off in the second inning with a solo homer straight away to center field and then went four for four at the plate. PFC Bobbie Washington of USAG slammed two home runs and Sp5 Rick Napper of LAMC who hit a three run homer in the fourth inning provided the additional firepower to help Gregg Martin of USAG pick up his fourth straight victory without a loss. Final score - Presidio 14 and Beale AFB 5.

The outstanding pitching of SSG Al Smith and Cpl George Burns, both of the 170th MP Co. held Beale to only five hits in the second game. Coach Jeff Frese pointed out that credit should be given to his infield as they kept coming up with outstanding defensive plays to keep Beale's runners off the bases. Sp5 Rick Harding of DENTAC went four-for-four and teammates SSG Ron Lockwood and Sp4 Terry Loken, both of USAG, went two for three including a two run homer by both players in the second inning. Final Score - Presidio 12 and Beale AFB 3.

TEAM NOTES

Sp5 Rick Napper leads the team in home runs with five. SSG Ron Lockwood is leading in batting with a fantastic .889 average, followed by PSF Steven Garwood with .864. Sp5 Terry Loken who seems to hit the ball to wherever he wants is batting .719.

The team travels to Mather Air Force Base tomorrow to tangle with the league leaders currently posting a 7 and 1 record. A sweep this weekend will push Presidio into first place in the Northern California Interservice Softball League.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL PROGRAM

GAME RESULTS

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

REGION IX	4	USACC	2
864th Engrs	6	Pathogens	4
USAG	12	Dept. of Medicine	5
LAMC #1	9	170th MP Co	2
504th MP Bn	4	LAIR #1	1
USAG	16	Pathogens	5
LAMC #1	9	REGION IX	8
Dept. of Medicine	9	USACC	8
LAIR #1	16	170th MP Co	7
864th Engrs	5	170th MP Co	4
LAIR #1	14	REGION IX	4
USAG	10	504th MP Bn	4
LAMC #1	19	USACC	4

POST TENNIS TEAM

The Post Tennis Team will travel to Fort Lewis, Washington this week to compete in the 1979 FORSCOM Tennis Championships. The following individuals will represent the Presidio in this championship.

OPEN DIVISION - MEN
Major Lynn W. Rasmussen - Hq 6th Army
Capt. James N. Stearns - USAG
Capt. Gary C. Jones - LA
JR VET DIVISION
Col. Thomas J. Egan - LAMC
LTC Nick Lapins - LAMC
SENIOR DIVISION
Col. Boris Stojic - LAMC
Col. Rudi Ansbacher - LAMC
WOMEN'S DIVISION
Capt. Susan E. Goulding - LAMC

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE

51st Engrs	8	Drug Enforcement	7
666th RADAR	15	LAIR #2	2
FBI	16	LAMC #2	13
PX-Main Store	10	PX-Service Station	6
PHS	10	US Attorneys	9
51st Engrs	23	LAIR #1	4
666th RADAR	10	LAMC #2	2
US Attorneys	10	Drug Enforcement	5
FBI	12	PX-Main Store	4
PX-Service Station	12	PHS	9
FBI	7	PHS	6
PX-Main Store	7	666th RADAR	5
LAMC #2	22	LAIR #1	7

TEAM STANDING

TEAM	**WON**	**LOST**
666th RADAR	10	1
FBI	9	2
PX-Main Store	8	2
51st Engrs	6	5
PX-Service Station	6	5
US Attorneys	5	6
Drug Enforcement	3	7
LAIR #2	0	11
DIO	2	0
Pathogens	0	2

TEAM STANDING

TEAM	**WON**	**LOST**
LAMC #1	9	1
504th MP Co	7	2
Garrison	7	3
LAIR #1	6	4
Dept. of Medicine	5	4
USACC	4	6
REGION IX	4	6
170th MP Co	3	7
864th Engrs	3	6
Pathogens	0	9

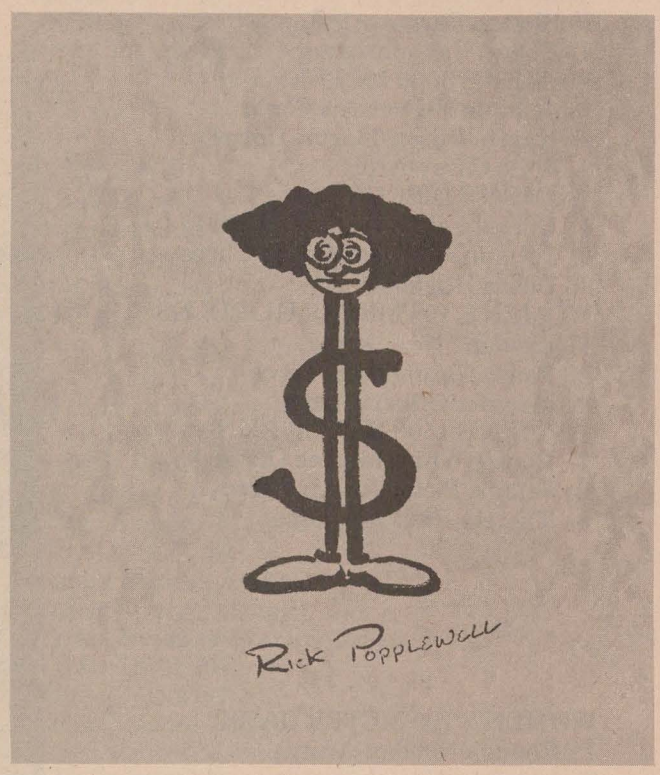
The Recreation Center is a friend

by Ted Elisee

If you're like me, then you need to get away every once and awhile.

Just about everybody I know works for a living and needs to get a vacation every once and awhile. There's always that problem of money, through. The price of things are soaring and those well deserved breaks from the daily routine are constantly put off, waiting for a little extra cash flow.

Well, those times when money are readily available are going to be rare. But, if you save a little at a time and look for some bargains, you can get away. From personal experience I know of one place that can really help you out. The Recreation Center has a whole slew of money saving coupons to suit the single person or the married clan. During the past year I have taken advantage of these coupons and have saved the price of the gas to get there and in many instances, even more. Take the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It's just about 75 miles from here. The normal rate for continuous use of all rides is 5.95 per person. The cost with the discount tickets from the Rec Center is 4.95. Marine World-Africa, USA is 6.95 per person. With the discount tickets, it's 4.95 - a savings of 2.00 per person. If you bring children who are four years old and under, they will get into Marine World free.



The Rec Center has many other discount tickets available. For example: In the San Francisco area there are tickets available for the Red and White Bay cruise, Gold Coast Cruise, Marriott's Great America, Marine World, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Frontier Village, and Roaring Camp and Big Trees. For the Los Angeles area, tickets are available for Disneyland, Lion Country Safari, Magic Mountain, Knott's Berry Farm, Wax Museum, Queen Mary Tour, Movie World, plus hotel and motel discount tickets. For the San Diego Area; Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Space Theater, and Science Center, and hotel and car rentals.

Also available are tours and events that are coming up shortly. There is a trip to Marriott's Great America and also some sporting events. The trip to Great America even has a bus that will take you from the Presidio.

The Rec Center has many other services and tickets available. For all you budget minded people, the discounts that are provided range from 10 - 30%. These discounts are available to all personnel working on the Presidio.

The Rec Center also provides many programs to keep you at home to be entertained. Stop by the LOG CABIN and check out the center. It's the place to go to beat the energy and price crunch.

Summer moves are on the rise now

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Soldiers expecting to change duty stations this summer should already be planning their moves, say DA transportation officials. According to officials, local transportation offices may handle two and one-half times more moves daily during the summer than during the off-season. A large transportation office may handle up to 300 shipments a day during the May 15 to September 15 peak season.

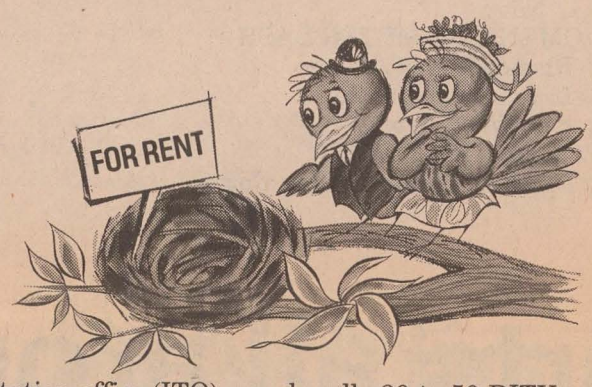
In 1978 the Department of Defense Transportation office processed 653,000 shipments; of those 326,000 - about half - took place between May 15 and September 15. One office, the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO), Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA., processed 49,000 shipments in 1978. Of those, 26,000 took place during the peak season.

During June 1978, the JPPSO at Cameron Station handled 6,600 shipments, 3,750 of them outbound. Between June 14 and 30, 90 outbound shipments experienced major delays. The primary cause of failure was the carrier's inability to provide equipment. Both military and civilians compete for limited moving capabilities during the peak season, according to officials. Carriers may over commit themselves leaving no capability to meet the demand. Soldiers may face problems not normally encountered during the off-season. Agents may not be as responsive; carriers may miss packing or pickup dates for household goods; the possibility of damaged household goods increases.

Soldiers frequently choose Friday, the most popular day of the week, for a moving day because they want to travel over the weekend. They may also want to use the weekend to get their rental quarters cleaned. Among military wishing to move, the first and last three days of the month also share popularity, say officials. These concentrations of moves cause congestion and delay. Officials advise soldiers to move early in the week and in mid-month to help minimize their moving problems. Officials say the most frequent problems soldiers can expect will be late pickup at the starting point and the carrier's inability to get shipments out of temporary storage. The latter problem arises and inconveniences the soldier after he has arrived at his next duty station and is ready to accept his shipment. A soldier's household goods may be packed one day with pickup set for the next day. If the carrier does not show, the soldier usually has neither the time nor the flexibility to react to the problem. A delay in packing or pickup of goods may range from one-half day to two or three days, inconveniencing both the member and whoever is scheduled to move into his residence after the soldier leaves.

On the other end of the move, soldiers may face five to 14 delays before their household goods come out of storage. According to officials, 60 percent of the service people arriving in Washington, D.C. area during the summer are not in a position to immediately accept their household goods. Their goods must then be placed in temporary storage locally until they do have quarters and then there is a delay until the carrier can make the delivery.

An alternative to shipping goods by government bill of lading is the do-it-yourself (DITY) moving program. The DITY moves provide an option to soldiers who prefer to move themselves. According to officials, younger service members with less than 4,000 pounds find the DITY moves most attractive. But there are plenty of advantages for more senior service people, too. During the peak season an installation transportation office (ITO) may handle 30 to 50 DITY moves per month. Officials point out, however, that soldiers may encounter occasional shortages of rental trailers or trucks if they don't plan ahead.



To offset some of the problems military travelers experience when moving to new duty stations, Department of the Army has asked local transportation offices to extend their operating hours, book moves as early as possible, use higher cost methods of shipping goods when necessary, and improve communication among commanders, the soldiers, the ITO and commercial carriers. Local ITOS are to emphasize adequate counseling to ensure that soldiers are aware of their shipping entitlements and responsibilities.

Officials stress the importance of planning a move as soon as the soldier has orders in hand. The service member should get personally involved with the move and not drop the burden of the move on the ITO and spouse. Commanders must ensure soldiers have sufficient time to plan and carry out personal property moves. Planning ahead could make that peak season summer move more bearable.

More Year of the Child info supplied

Throughout the world, there are 1.3 billion children under the age of fifteen — of these, 700-million lack safe water and proper sanitation, 156-million live in squalor, 15.5 million will die before their fifth birthday. The plight of children, particularly in the underdeveloped areas of the world, is awesome. Helpless in the face of poverty, hunger, disease and neglect, their future . . . and ours . . . is threatened. Exploited and deprived, they represent mankind's most tragic failure and society's greatest challenge.

This year has been declared the International Year of the Child. Concerned leaders in 142 countries around the globe are joining hands in a concerted effort to promote major, long-lasting benefits for children everywhere.

Nowhere is the human condition more tragic than in the wasted bodies, minds and spirits of children. In depriving our children of their basic needs and opportunities, we deny all mankind the better world we seek. Poverty and ignorance, anywhere in the world, breed discontent and potential political disruption for all nations. Sickness and disease, in any land, hinder social advancement and creative development everywhere. In denying the world's children a decent opportunity for the future, we limit the future for all mankind.

During the International Year of the Child, the International Service Agencies are working for a better future by meeting the needs of children now. This is not a sentimental celebration, but a vital and essential response to an urgent and pressing need. Keeping up is not enough. With the spread of modern technology and communications, the world grows smaller. Impoverished peoples in less fortunate societies deserve a share of our abundance . . . and they will demand a better world for their children.

The International Service Agencies — International Human Assistance Programs, International Rescue Committee, Planned Parenthood — World Population, Save the Children, CARE and Project HOPE — have developed the expertise to direct our concern abroad. In their commitment to alleviate human misery and to create opportunities for a better future for less fortunate peoples, the International Service Agencies perform essential tasks to improve the lot of children. The Agencies direct service programs, improve health conditions, increase food production, provide better nutrition, expand educational opportunities, teach job skills, develop communities, control population growth and help oppressed peoples to enhance the quality of their lives.

Each agency offers special skills in response to particular concerns in various countries. Together, they embrace the world and its children to ease want and to encourage growth everywhere. The International Service Agencies appeal to all Americans to join in embracing the children during the International Year of the Child. The children urgently need your support. Their future demands it. The International Year of the Child is now.

News notes

Presidio players

Tickets for the Presidio Players' production of "A RAISIN IN THE SUN" will go on sale on Monday, June 18, at the Presidio Playhouse Box Office. Box Office hours are 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances. Lorraine Hansberry's award winning play about a black family in Chicago in the 1950's will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays, June 22, 23, 29, 30 and July 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. There will be a special performance on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with the FORSCOM Festival of the Performing Arts. Tickets are $3.00, and $1.00 less for military personnel, dependents, retired military, and reservists, upon presentation of ID card. All performances are open to all personnel. For further information call 561-3992.

Among the cast members are Sp5 Michael Rodman (LAMC), in the role created by Sidney Poitier; SSG Edith Love (HQ, 6th Army) as his wife; Colonel Paul Easley (Deputy Post Chaplain); Sp5 Joseph Hawkins (LAIR); Don Nichols (DAC - LAMC); Leroy O'Neal (DAC - Printing Plant); and his son, Ken O'Neal.

Youth activities

Presidio Youth Activities will present the summer program starting June 25 thru Aug 17. Classes offered will be Arts & Crafts for ages 6 thru 12; gymnastics for ages 6 thru 15; and tennis for ages 8 thru 16.

Arts & Crafts will meet daily from 1 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 566 (Girl Scout building). The fee will be $5.00

Gymnastic classes will meet one hour per week on either Mon, Tues or Thurs. The class will meet in the Main Post Gym Exercise Room. The fee will be $12.00. Boys should wear shorts and socks; girls leotards and socks.

Tennis classes will meet every Monday and Wednesday at various times at Infantry Terrace courts. The fee will be $5.00. Youngsters are to bring one can of tennis balls to first meeting of class.

Registration for above classes will take place the week of June 18-22, 8 a.m. to noon, in Recreation Services Office, Bldg. 122. If paying by check, please make payable to Morale Support Fund. For more information, phone Dependent Youth Activities Director, ext. 5143.

Ed Center news

Learning Center/Individualized Instruction: The Learning Centers at the Ft. Scott and Letterman Education Centers provide small group and individualized instruction to improve math, English and reading skills, to prepare for college entry, to take the CLEP, GED, SAT and Civil Service tests and to meet the individual needs and goals of the student. The program is especially appropriate for personnel who work swing shifts, have irregular periods of time available for study or who prefer to work on an individual basis. The Learning Center at Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, is open for individualized instruction Monday thru Thursday, 12:30-8:30 p.m. At the LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007, the Learning Center is open Monday thru Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Students arrange with the teachers the days and times for tutoring. Military, dependents and civilians can enroll in the program. For further information or to enroll call the Ft. Scott Education Center, ext. 2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center, ext. 4030/3693.

Education Center Summer Programs - Reading Courses: See how much you can increase your reading speed and comprehension in just eight sessions! The Education Center is offering a mini-course in **SPEED READING** on Thursday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., from July 5 to August 23. This course is especially good for people who have a lot of material to read on their job, who are enrolled in or planning to enroll in military or civilian shcools or who want to read faster and better for their own personal development. If your reading skills are not what you'd like them to be and you want to comprehend and remember what you read better than you do now, a **DEVELOPMENTAL READING** class may be just for you. This class is held Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., July 2 to August 22. To enroll in the Speed Reading or Developmental Reading class, call the Ft. Scott Education Center ext. 2974/4445 to make an appointment to take a reading diagnostic test. The class is open to military, dependents and civilian employees. There is no fee.

English as a Second Language: This program is designed for students whose first or native language is not English. The goal is for students to gain proficiency in English so they can function successfully in the culture and society of the US, acquire speaking, comprehension, and writing skills to perform competently on the job and to continue their education. An instructor is available at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to conduct individual or small group classes. The courses are especially appropriate for foreign born/speaking military personnel and dependents. For further information or to enroll call or visit the Ft. Scott Education Center, ext. 2974/4445.

Rec Center news

Last Call for Stereo Classes: If you would like to get a good education in audio systems, then you should register for this new class at the Presidio Recreation Center. There is a new class starting Thursday, June 21 thru July 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call after 4 p.m., ext. 2000/5420.

Ladies Exercise Classes: Space is available to all active duty, and dependent women. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. These classes mainly consist of aerobic exercises.

Billiards Classes: Thursday night is the night to come up to the Log Cabin and get some professional instruction by Hank Nole (our own Minn. Fats). Classes start at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to sharpen up your pool game, especially since the classes are FREE.

Marriott's Great America Tour: On Sunday, June 24 at 9 a.m. the Presidio Recreation Center will take 45 people to Great America in Santa Clara. The cost if $7.75 per person. Come up to the Log Cabin and sign up TODAY.

Yankees vs A's: This game is on Sunday, July 8 in Oakland. Tickets are now on sale at your Recreation Center, Bldg. 1299. We still have some very good seats left, behind Home plate. If you are a true Yankees fan then this is a MUST. Tickets are only $5.00 each. So what are you waiting for?

Army Nurse Corps Chief

WASHINGTON ARNEWS — "Race is an incidence of birth," commented Colonel Hazel W. Johnson, during a recent Pentagon news conference.

Nominated as the next chief of the Army Nurse Corps, Johnson will be the first black women general in the Department of Defense. She will succeed BG Madelyn N. Parks who retires August 31 after more than thirty years active service.

"For the Army Nurse Corps and my colleagues in nursing, I hope the criterion for selection didn't include race but competence," Johnson said. According to Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., she was selected over 50 other colonels.

According to Johnson, competence has been a hallmark throughout her life and has included integrity of purpose and honesty in her job.

Johnson joined the Army in 1955 "to travel and because I didn't want to start out at the bottom each time I moved." To her, the Army Nurse Corps offers the best challenge to a person's educational background. "Army nurses can participate in a variety of assignments as well as increase their professional competence in specialty fields within the practice of nursing. Army nurses have in the past initiated and developed new professional roles for nurses."

She continued, "Army nurses continue to grow, develop and make significant contributions to the profession and the Army Medical Department."

More Rec Center

STEREO CLASSES: If you are caught up in all the fancy names for stereo components, then come up to your Recreation Center and get a good education in audio Systems. There is a new class starting June 21 through July 27, 7 to 9 p.m. The class will cover such topics as Electricity, Amplifiers, Speakers, Turn tables, Tuners, and much more. Call after 4 p.m., Ext. 2000.

MILITARY TRAVEL GUIDE: is now on sale at your Recreation Center, Bldg 1299. It cost only $1.95 each and it covers bases from Alameda to Yuma Proving Grounds, along with overseas bases. This is a must for every service family's glove compartment.

NIGHT CLUB GUIDE: is on sale at your Recreation Center. This is a guide of 99 of the best skyroom, disco clubs, dinner clubs, taverns, piano bars, etc . . . in the San Francisco Bay area. The cost is only $2.00 to personnel at the Presidio. For additional information call 561-2000/5420 after 4 p.m.

JOGGERS WANTED: If you are looking for somebody to jog (run) with, than look no further. Bring your body up to your Recreation Center, Bldg. 1299, Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.

OWC

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will be having a Newcomers' Coffee the second Thursday of each month, beginning June 14 and continuing throughout the year. The Coffee will be held at the OWC Activities Building, T639 at 10 A.M. All officers' wives new to the Post, as well as those new to the Club, are cordially invited to attend. please call 561-4134 or 346-5398 for more information.

Too many bills?

"The Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) is a great way to save for college but I'm really in a bind this month and could use that extra money to pay some bills."

According to VA officials, soldiers may stop contributing to VEAP temporarily. They won't lose the entitlement as long as they don't ask for a refund.

VA news

Invitations to use free Veterans Administration educational and vocational counseling have been mailed to more than one million eligible Vietnam-era veterans.

According to VA Chief Max Cleland, the invitation is in the form of a new brochure and application form which describe available counseling and enables the veteran to arrange for an interview.

"Veterans Administration counselors can help veterans make informed career, job or school choices and plans," Cleland said. "More important, these professionals can help the veteran solve problems associated with choosing and achieving his goals."

All VA offices have been stocked with the brochures and supplies have been distributed to veterans service organizations.

These special efforts to encourage veterans to ask for counseling are a component of "Operation Boost," the VA's national awareness program to alert Vietnam-era veterans to unused GI Bill education and training benefits.

In general, veterans have ten years from their date of discharge to use GI Bill education and training benefits, including this special counseling service.

Veterans do not have to apply for training, however, to receive counseling.

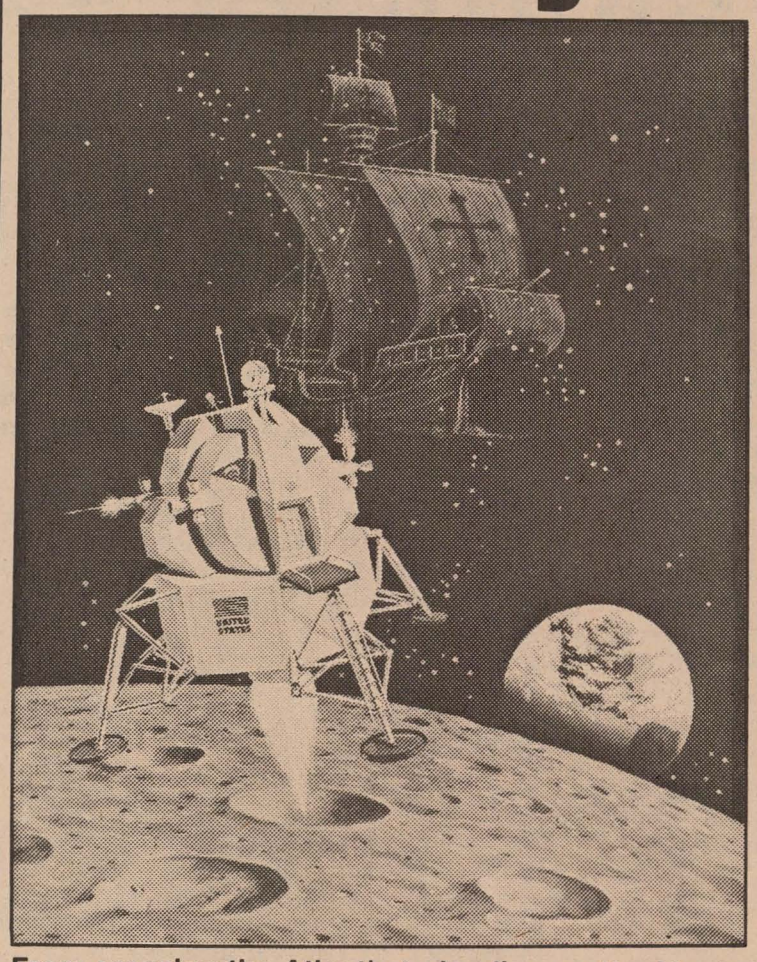
Veterans Administration counselors will help veterans identify their interests and best abilities, and to select and make plans for suitable career goals. Counselors will provide specific information based on their knowledge of available training programs, employment opportunities and financial aid or other resources.

While there is no charge for VA couknseling, the veteran must pay his or her own transportation costs, if any.

"We will do our best to minimize that cost by scheduling an appointment as near the veteran's home as possible," Cleland said.

The new brochure and full information on VA's vocational-educational counseling program can be obtained from the nearest VA office, from a national veterans organization representative or from a county service officer.

Moon Day: *A Giant 'Step' and 'Leap' Into Outer Space Exploration*



From crossing the Atlantic to landing on the Moon, "New World" exploration continues to be part of the American Dream.

A decade ago on July 20, 1969, astronaut Neil Armstrong backed awkwardly down the steps of Apollo 11's "Eagle" lunar module, planted both feet on the Moon's surface and said, "That's one small step for man . . . one giant leap for mankind." His historic "step" and "leap" are recalled each year with the observance of Moon Day.

Fifteen minutes after Armstrong's descent, Buzz Aldrin followed him onto the lunar surface and compared his feelings with a trip to the beach: "I felt buoyant and full of goose pimples when I stepped down on the surface. I immediately looked down at my feet and became intrigued with the peculiar properties of moon dust. If one kicks sand on a beach, it scatters in numerous directions with some grains traveling farther than others. On the Moon the dust travels exactly and precisely as it goes in various directions, and every grain of it lands nearly the same distance away."

While Michael Collins piloted the orbiting command and service module "Columbia," the two astronauts on the Moon's surface filmed the terrain, collected rocks, and carried out experiments during their 2¼-hour Moon walk.

One pre-planned project was to emplace a seismometer to record "moonquakes" and other lunar movement. Aldrin later noted the sensitivity of the seismometer, which recorded the astronauts' departure activities: "We removed our boots and the big backpacks, opened the LM hatch, and threw these items onto the lunar surface, along with a bagful of empty food packages and the LM urine bags. The exact moment we tossed everything out was measured back on Earth—the seismometer we had put out was even more sensitive than we had expected."

The historic landing on the Moon was the fulfillment of President John Kennedy's aspiration, stated on May 25, 1961: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon. . . ."

Achievement of the Moon-landing goal was prompted by the Russians' earlier successes in space. Subsequently, America harnessed its ingenuity, industry and scientific knowledge to put a man on the surface of Earth's only satellite more than a year before President Kennedy's projected timeframe.

Although other Americans were to follow astronauts Aldrin, Collins, and Armstrong to the Moon, the world will never forget those thrilling moments in the early hours of the first Moon Day when the words of success reached Earth: "The Eagle has landed!"

DoD Hotline Gets Some 'Warm' Calls

The "Defense Hotline," for use in reporting fraud and waste, has been extended until June 30, 1979.

Set up on a trial basis by the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) on April 2, 1979, to focus on Defense Department transactions with the General Services Administration (GSA), the 24-hour-a-day hotline has yet to surface anything of a substantive nature involving GSA, but it has turned up other subjects.

Of the 100 calls received in the first 30 days, one-third of them are considered "warm" enough to warrant further investigation. Another third fall in the category of solid cost-saving recommendations, and the remaining calls are categorized as "cold."

Calls have been received from people in about half of the states, with California leading, followed by Virginia and North Carolina.

The hotline numbers remain the same: toll free—(800) 424-9098; Autovon—223-5080; and Washington, D.C., capital area—693-5080.

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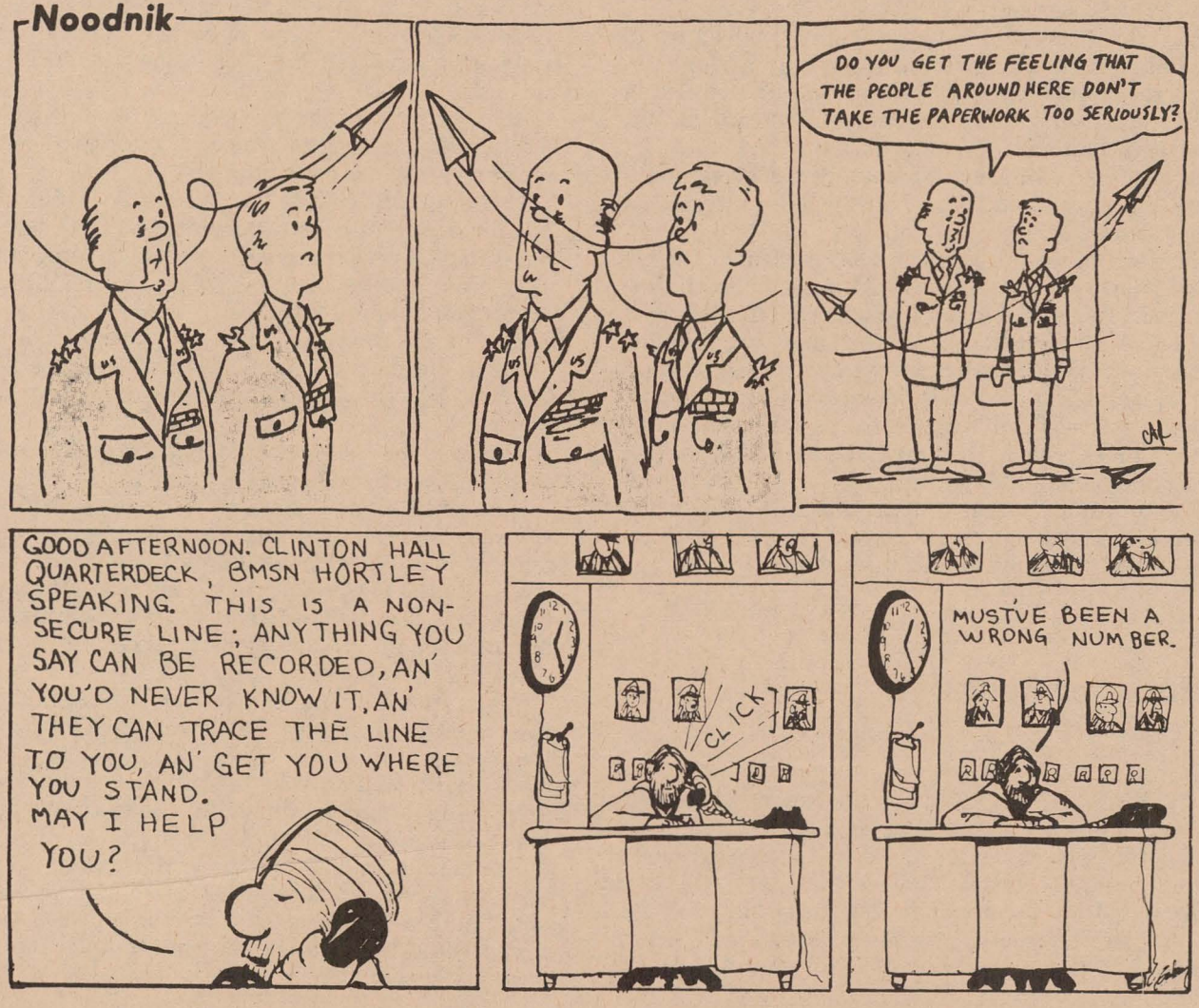
Effectiveness training

mander desires to do something about what he has learned, he and the OESO work together to decide what would be most helpful in resolving the problem areas. In the planning phase, the issues that the commander wants to focus on are identified and prioritized. Then they work together to plan for alternate decisions on what might be done. Approaches might include workshops on team building, time management, problem solving and so forth. The planning step thus moves the Cdr and OESO from the point of identifying issues to deciding which are the most important and what is going to be done about them.

The implementation stage is when the Cdr initiates the planned activities. It is during this step that the wider membership of the organization begins to be affected. The OESO is there to help as a trainer or facilitator but the commander is the focal point. The proposed change could be nothing more than a change in office arrangement to a five day workshop.

The final step is follow-up and evaluation anywhere from a week to six months later. The purpose of this contact is to evaluate the effects, good or bad, of the previous three steps; has behavior changed? Is there improvement? Is more assessment needed? Have the commander's expectations been met? At this point the four step process is completed. The evaluation could lead to a completely new assessment and operation if the Cdr wants it or the relationship will be terminated.

If there are any additional questions call Capt. Eileen Welsh OESO, ext. 6084.



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Disability: Fit for duty?

by Betsy Beuke

An E-8 with diabetes leaves the Army after 20 years service. Although considered for disability retirement, the master sergeant is retired for length of service.

He is "presumed fit" because he has satisfactorily performed the duties of his office, grade, rank, or rating, for 20 years.

Some soldiers will qualify for physical disability upon retirement while others, like the master sergeant, will not because they're presumed fit for duty.

In 1973, changes were made to the Army policy on physical disability retirements. The changes insured that physical disability reitrements would be granted fairly and uniformly to soldiers of all ranks.

According to DA officials, the changes provide for the retirement or separation of soldiers found to be unfit for duty because of physical disabilities. These people are unable to perform the duties of their office, grade, rank, or rating satisfactorily.

To determine an individual's eligibility, the "presumption of fitness rule" is applied. If a soldier adequately performs his duties until scheduled to separate or retire, he is presumed fit and, therefore, may not be retired for disability. Instead he will be retired or separated under other laws.

The soldier separated or retired under other laws may have a physical impairment when he leaves the service. That impairment could affect his chances for civilian employment. If this happens, he may qualify for disability compensation from the Veterans Administration.

The presumption of fitness standard was adopted to end the practice of retaining senior officers and NCOs on active duty in spite of physical impairments because they were performing their jobs adequately. Then, when they retired these soldiers were found "unfit" because of the same physical defect.

Fit for job

However, there are soldiers with physical problems which prevent them from performing the duties required of their rank or job. They may be shifted from command to command or from job to job because the commander tries to protect or do the soldiers a favor.

Soldiers unable to perform satisfactorily may be motivated by a sense of duty to complete their careers or may seek a chance to be promoted again before retirement.

Doctors performing periodic medical examinations are not doing soldiers with physical disabilities a favor by downplaying medical problems. According to officials, soldiers who are unable to perform on par with contemporaries because of a disability should not be kept on active duty. In the long run, the soldiers may lose money as well as not performing their share of work. They may also end up in a job beneath their ability and experience.

Army policy permits commanders to request medical examination of soldiers who are physically unable to perform their duties satisfactorily. Based on the results, cases may be referred to a physical evaluation board for possible disability retirement or separation.

The presumption of fitness rule will catch up with soldiers at separation or retirement time, if allowed to remain on active duty even though unfit.

These soldiers end up losing disability pay and resulting tax advantages in addition to possible Social Security disability insurance benefits.

If a soldier is disqualified from active duty because of his disability, he will be discharged or retired.

When released from active duty, one of two types of disability retirement (permanent or temporary) or one of two types of disability separation (separation with severance pay or separation without severance pay) may be chosen.

Soldiers retired permanently for a disability of 30 percent or more but not yet eligible for nondisability retirement will receive monthly checks between 30 and 75 percent of the basic pay of their grade for the rest of their lives.

If a soldier is eligible for nondisability retirement, his disability can be rated less than 30 percent and he can still qualify for disability retirement.

Individuals temporarily retired and put on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) will receive monthly payments of at least 50 percent of the basic pay of their retired grade. These individuals cannot receive more than 75 percent of their basic pay. They may remain on the list until their condition stabilizes to the point a permanent decision can be made. By law, a soldier cannot be kept on the TDRL more than five years.

If a person is placed on the TDRL, he must receive periodic medical examinations at least every 18 months during that time. Failure to report for a medical examination could disqualify a person from receiving retirement pay and other service benefits.

Less than 20 years

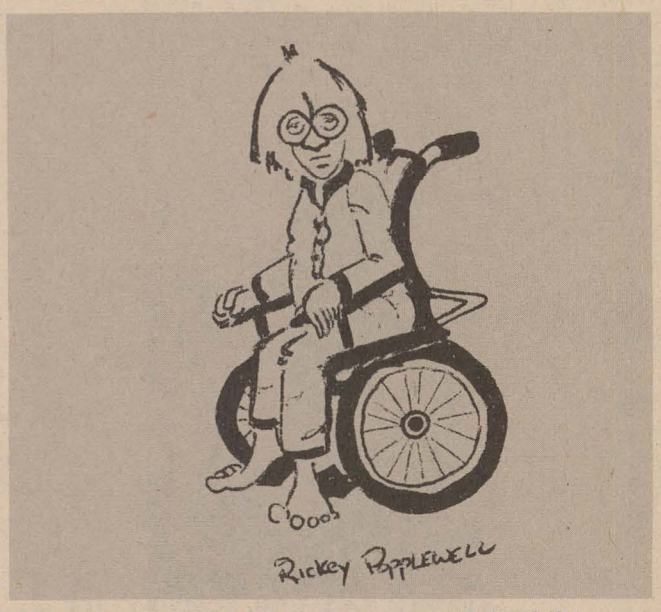
Soldiers with less than 20 years service and having a disability of less than 30 percent will be separated from the Army with severance pay. Severance pay is computed on the base pay of the person's current active duty grade or the highest active duty grade satisfactorily held. Severance pay is two months' base pay of that grade for each year of service up to 12 years.

If a soldier's disability makes him unfit for duty, but it was caused by the soldier's own "intentional misconduct" or "willful neglect," the soldier will be discharged without compensation. A soldier may also be discharged without disability severance pay if it is determined that the impairment existed before the soldier entered the service and was not aggravated while in the service.

Disability and nondisability retirement pay will vary for each soldier, depending on rank, years of service, degree of disability, number of dependents, etc.

If a soldier is permanently or temporarily retired for disability, he will have a choice of computing his retired pay based on percentage of disability or on years of creditable service. The Finance and Accounting Center will make the official computation of a soldier's retired pay.

In some cases, opting for physical disability may be to the soldier's advantage. Usually an individual with long service and with a disability of less than 75 percent will be better off choosing the length of service method. The percentage of disability method is usually better for a soldier having



short service and a high percentage of disability.

Let's assume an injury or illness has created a 40 percent disability. The soldier has 19 years' service and is an E-8 with a monthly base pay of $1,128. The soldier's choices might look like this:

Years of Service Method	
Base pay	$1,128
Years of Service	x 19
2.5 percent	x .025
Monthly retired pay	$535.80
Percentage of Disability Method	
Base pay	$1,128
Disability percentage	x .40
Monthly retired pay	$451.20

For the E-8 with 19 years, using the length of service method for computing retired pay would be to his advantage.

Soldiers retiring with a disability will find that either all or part of their disability retirement pay will be exempt from Federal income tax. How much of a soldier's retired pay is tax exempt will depend on the method used to compute it.

If a person received retirement pay based on years of service, that portion equaling the amount that would be received if retirement pay were based solely on disability is tax exempt. Only the balance may be taxed.

Percentage

An E-8 with 19 years' service and a 40 percent disability decides on the $535.80 retirement pay computed on the basis of length of service. The master sergeant under the percentage of disability method would have received $451.20. The $451.20 of the E-8's $535.80 is tax exempt. The taxable in-

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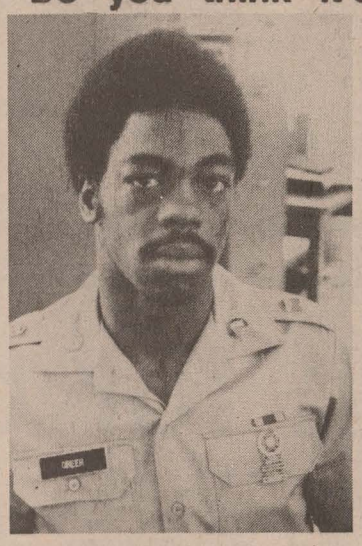
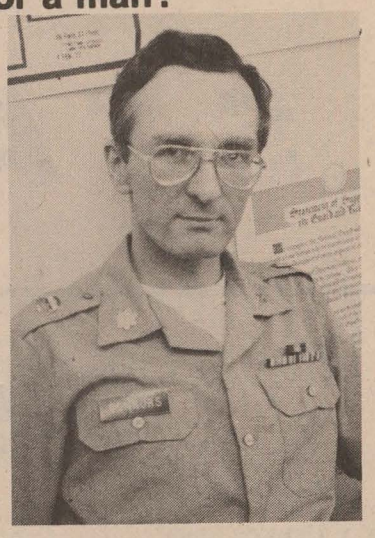
Ramblin' Sam

Do you think it's easier to work for a woman or a man?

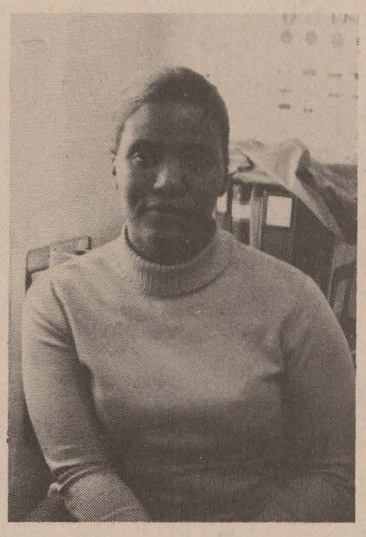


PFC Dave Greer, Personnel Actions Specialist COMPACT — "For me it would be a woman. A woman understands men and their problem areas and could iron out the problems easier."

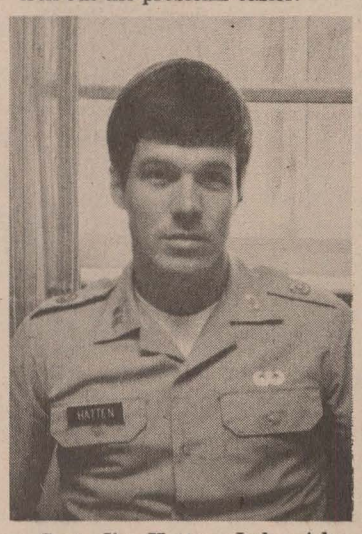
Ms. Diane Newcomb, Social Service Representative, ACS — "It depends on the woman or the man. Any boss who is liberated enough or fair minded is easy to work with."



Maj. Jerry Connors, Opns Officer, DRCS — "It depends more on the person. Some women are more pleasant than men and vice versa. Also, I would like to add that I hope some day the question that will be posed will be - 'How do you get along with your boss?' "

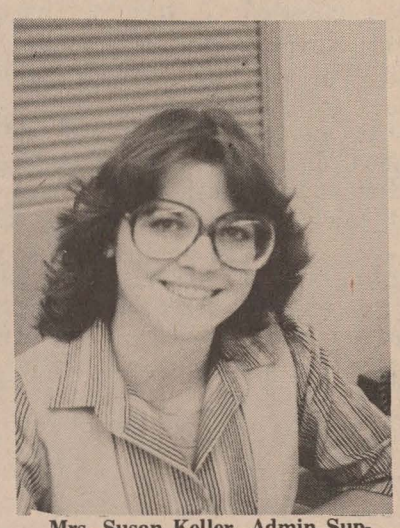


Sp5 Sharon Jackson, Clerk Typist, DPCA — "I don't believe that sex has anything to do with it. The person justifies himself or herself by nature, not by sex."



Capt. Jim Hatten, Judge Advocate, Sixth Region, CIDC — "It's easier to work for yourself, but if you have to work for one or the other, it really doesn't make a difference. The bosses' qualities make them good or bad, not their sex."

Sp5 Linda Pallares, Word Processor, Sixth Region CIDC — "A woman. She understands the abilities and contributions that a woman can make in the working class and also she will encourage you to work up to your full potential."



Mrs. Susan Keller, Admin Support Clerk, Morale Support Fund — "When a supervisor demonstrates a humanistic approach, sex is not a major factor in determining whether a man or a woman is better."

Commentary

by Ted Elisee

The Women in my life

Since my arrival to the Presidio, I have been surrounded by women.

Now I've always been surrounded by women since my birth, but it is more evident here. When I start my day, I bid goodbye to my wife and daughter. My reporter days on the Star Presidian were overseen by a woman editor and a woman boss. Even the Public Affairs Officer was a woman. As I looked around, I suddenly realized that even the Platoon Leader was a woman. Even now my company commander is a woman and over at the Adjutant's office, I deal with a woman too. My records over at personnel are maintained by a woman etc., etc.

During my days as a race relations instructor in Europe, the subject of women's rights and the subject of women in the military was constantly debated. Could a woman possibly take the pressures of war?, commented many a career soldier. Some even questioned their ability to stand up under pressure at all.

Well, I have had the opportunity to see plenty of women in action. Not combat, but plenty of pressure and action. The roles have been reversed for me, and I have had to deal with and work for many women.

I've seen women bark out orders to the troops and I have seen them respond under pressure. I've seen them chew out and praise. I've seen them put out policy and I've seen them stand firm in convictions. They go to bat for their people. Ah yes, the woman in my life. As one Englishman put it - "They are an impressive lot!"

Women are here to stay. I would even venture to say they'll always be around in the military, too. Author James Thurber said, "I love the idea of there being two sexes, don't you?"

My reply - "Yep, I'm thankful for the woman in my life."

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A number of letters and articles refering to the subject of visitation privileges in the barracks have appeared in the Star Presidian.

Since the appearance of those letters, not once have I heard "STAND FAST" or "AS YOU WERE, SOLDIER." This letter is written to encourage all soldiers not to give up.

After all, many great soldiers of the past never gave up. Richard Nixon lost the presidency to the late John F. Kennedy. Did he give up? —No. He went on to win the presidency eight years later against Hubert Humphrey because he refused to give up.

What if Dr. Martin Luther King gave up? Like a good soldier he did not.

And so fellow soldiers, I am fortunate. I now live in family quarters, but I do support you in your cause for visitation privileges.

Remember that as individuals, you can ask for certain privileges in the military. But most important — be a good soldier — never give up.

A Sincere Soldier,
Sp4 Charlene Stokes
USAG

The following reply is submitted in response to the letter written to the Star Presidian regarding visitation privileges in the barracks:

During the month of February of this year, I was approached by three enlisted men assigned to HQ Co. USAG to determine my stand on visitation privileges in the barracks. In view of PSF Reg. 190-1 and past policy regarding this subject, I informed them that it was my responsibility to administer appropriate disciplinary action against those barracks occupants who allowed unauthorized personnel into their barracks once this allegation had been proven.

The three enlisted men presented to me the proposition that if the majority of the barracks occupants desired to have visitation privileges, would I support them in attempting to change current policy. Informing them that I would keep an open mind in the matter, they then revealed their plan to conduct a survey among the barracks occupants to determine each individual's stand on visitation privileges.

I clarified to the three enlisted men that I would not direct/force the barracks occupants to take the survey but I would support their idea. I also related to them that I wanted the survey form signed by each individual and the reasons for opposing visitation rights if that were the case. I explained to them that I must consider the reasons why certain individuals would oppose visitation privileges since their rights deserved respect as well as those individuals who desired visitation rights.

Coordination was made with all the barracks sergeants to have the survey conducted among the barracks occupants. After approximately three weeks, some of the survey forms were returned to me and some of these were unsigned. Because only approximately one-third of the forms was returned and because signatures were not obtained from all of those forms returned, I instructed the same three enlisted men to take another survey complying with my first instructions.

The three enlisted men never returned to me with the survey results.

At the first Enlisted Advisory Council which met in May 1979, the subject of visitation privileges was presented. I informed them of all that had transpired above. Two members of the Enlisted Advisory Council related to the council that they would contact the three enlisted men mentioned above and determine the status of the survey. The status should be revealed during the next Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting, June 27, 1979.

In order for me to support the desires of the barracks personnel of HQ Co. USAG, I must be knowledgeable of the feelings of all concerned especially in regards to visitation privileges which could possible infringe upon an individual's privacy, produce fear for one's safety, and result in additional duties as barracks CQ to monitor visitor hours. I must know all the problem areas in order to eliminate them if possible. I implore persons with the drive and dedication to the cause stated in the above letter to assist me in helping everyone concerned and in helping me represent them.

SUNDRA J. BOYD
CPT, OD
Commanding

Dear Specialist Stokes,

As you know, I received your letter a short time back. I held yours so that the Company Commander for USAG would have the opportunity to express her feelings about the visitation privileges subject. I believe she has responded well.

The subject of visitation privileges on the Presidio is not a new one. Way back in April, 1978, I wrote an article that discussed the subject. At the time, Captain Thomas Smith was company commander of USAG. Said Capt. Smith, "We've had women come and complain about unwanted men in the billets - they were just plain afraid," he explains. "That's why we put out the policy - the order - that no men were allowed in the women's barracks and vice versa. - Strictly crime prevention."

In October 1978, CSM George was interviewed by the Star Presidian. In that interview he said, "First, I should point out that what I say about visitation rights is a personal observation. This topic is a controversial one, but I believe it is one that can be established in certain situations on certain Army posts. In order for this policy to be established, I believe that the system should be a democratic one. A vote should be taken by the men and the women to see if the majority of them would be agreeable to such a set up. If the majority agreed, they should realize the problems they would have to face and accept all responsibility for such a set up in an adult manner. Certain restrictions would have to be placed in such a situation. If one person would want to take someone of the opposite sex into their room, then the roommate would have to agree to such a visit. If the roommate objected, then the visit would have to be terminated. The door would have to be unlocked at all times. Finally, the post commander, or the designated Company Commander would have the final say about hours for visitation or any other rules to be observed."

The Sergeant Major and the Company Commander, USAG are tracking in thought. It appears that both individuals are keeping an open mind on the subject of visitation privileges.

The Star Presidian thanks all the soldiers who have written in on the subject of visitation privileges. We promise to keep you posted on the matter.

Editor

Major General John L. Osteen, Jr., Deputy Commander of Sixth United States Army, and Commander of Army Readiness Region IX, at the Presidio of San Francisco, will retire June 30, 1979, after more than 30 years of military service. As Region IX Commander, General Osteen supervises the training of Army Reserve and National Guard units in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona.

A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, General Osteen graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He held command and staff positions in both the Korean conflict and Vietnam. He served in a wide variety of assignments throughout the United States and abroad. General Osteen graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and attended the Harvard Business School. He was assigned to his present duty at the Presidio in October 1976.

He is married to the former Patricia Hannum, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa. They have three children - Lindsay, Luke, and Ann.

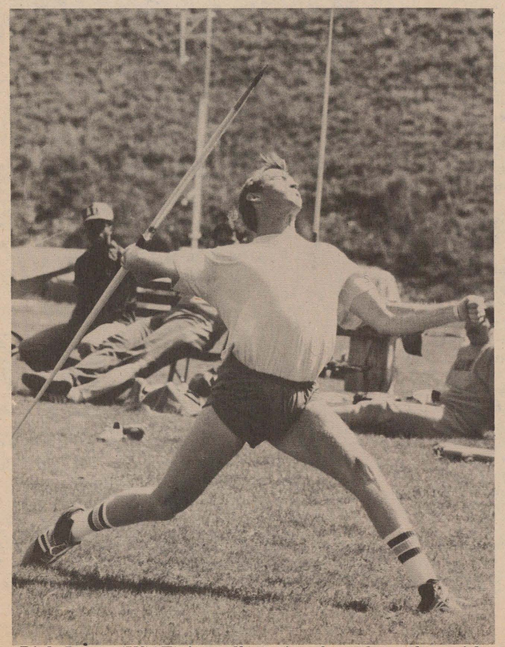
General and Mrs. Osteen will make their home near Brevard, North Carolina.

***Mama (Patricia Zimmerman)* is joyful as she receives garden tools from her son (Sp5 Michael Rodman - LAMC) and her daughter-in-law (SSG Edith Love - HQ, 6th Army) in the Presidio Players' production of "A RAISIN IN THE SUN." The award winning play by Lorraine Hansberry will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through July 7, opening on June 22. There will be a special performance on Tuesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with the FORSCOM Festival of the Performing Arts. Judges will be present from Atlanta, and they are traveling to fourteen FORSCOM installations to see Army community theatre productions throughout the command.**

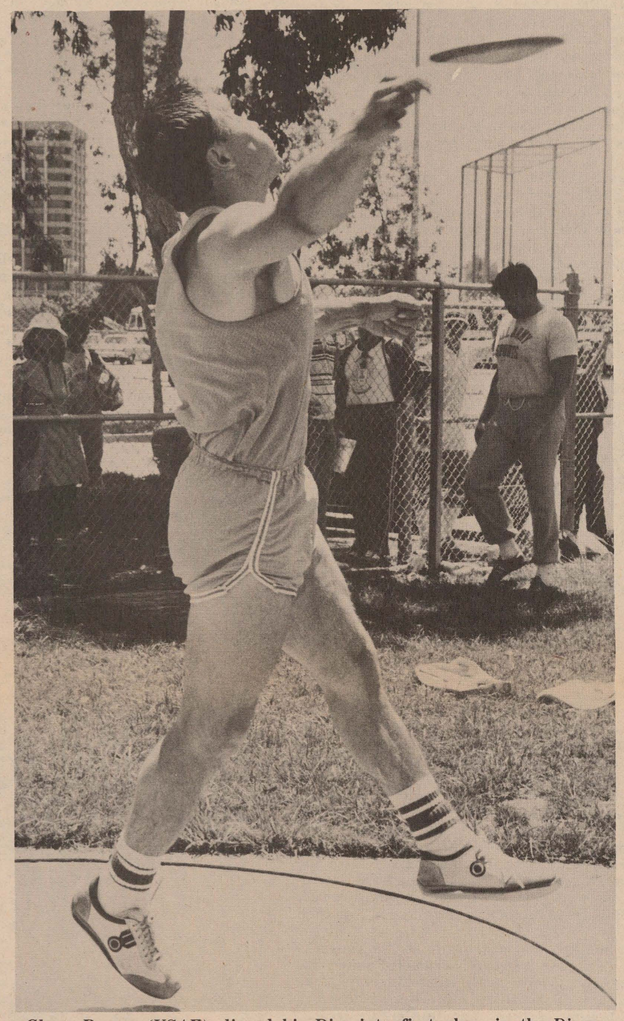
Tickets for "A RAISIN IN THE SUN" are available at the Presidio Playhouse Box Office from 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances. For further information call 561-3992 from 1-5 p.m.

Highlights of Hayward

Photos by Noli Manas



Dick Legas (USAF) is really trying for a long shot with the Javelin



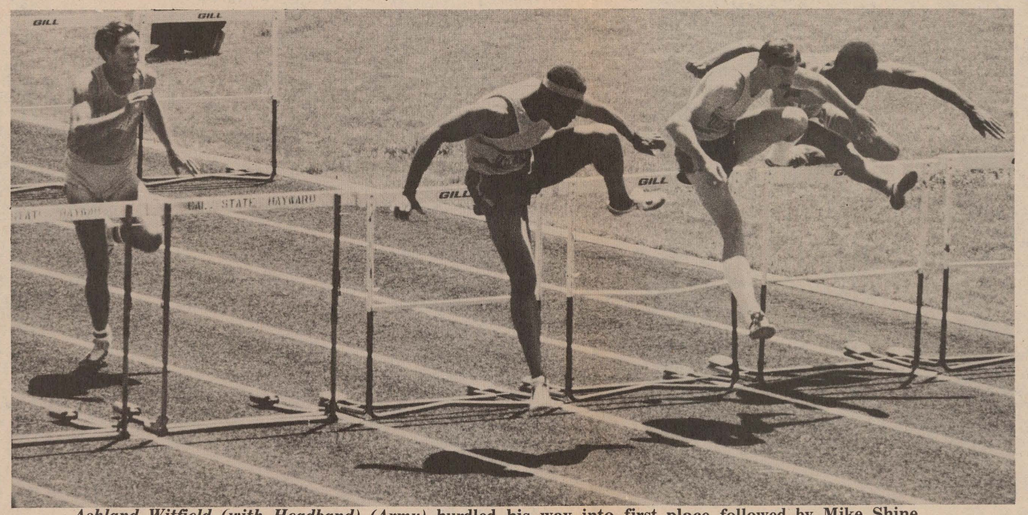
Glenn Passey (USAF) slipped his Disc into first place in the Discus throw.

Bob Long (Army) shot a second place standing in the Shot Put

Scott Leishman (Army) nailed 1st place in the Hammer Throw.

Derrick Brodnax (USMC) searches for a better landing mark in the Long Jump.

Anthony Carter (Army) plowed his way into a solid 2nd place in the Long Jump



Ashland Witfield (with Headband) (Army) hurdled his way into first place followed by Mike Shine (right of Ashland) (Army) who secured second place in the 110 meter high hurdle.

Julie Casey (Army) ran away with 3rd place in the 3,000 meter run.

Color Guard at Candlestick Park

Story by Ted Elisee
Photos by Tom Tiernan

It was the Army Birthday.

Out at Candlestick Park, the temperatures were dropping rapidly while the intense wind was swirling the sand, blinding the occupants of the dugout. The Presidio Color Guard had been invited to open the game by displaying the colors. Terry Whitfield (LF, Giants) stepped out of the locker room and flashed a smile at the waiting fans. Without hesitation he stepped up to the Color Guard and greeted them. After signing a few autographs, he grabbed a rifle from Sergeant John Cook, NCOIC Presidio Color Guard, and said, "Damn, that's heavy!" Posing with John for a few pictures, you could tell Terry was psyched up for the game. He looked around for a souvenir for John. "Hey man! You want a bat?" said Terry. With that he handed John the bat and trotted out to the field.

The wind grew stronger and the guard actually gritted sand between their teeth. Roger Metzger (SS, Giants) warned the group about the difficulty of holding the flags up on the open field. Cook huddled with the Color Guard and started to plan their entrance on the field.

Sgt. John Cook, **and Terry Whitfield (LF, Giants) discuss the rifle used by color guard.**

In the meantime, Vida Blue (P, Giants) made his appearance. Blue had been in a slump; but the crowd still loves him. They hoot "Blue" in unison. Vida walked over to the men and greeted them. "How do you want me to pose?" he said. While the guard surrounded him, he smiled for the camera and greeted his fans in the stands, too. Vida then tipped his hat and disappeared behind the dug-out.

The wind heightened its intensity and the men in blues surveyed the field. The Giants were warming up, but were obviously cold. The wind whipped their uniforms and a couple of hats were blowing around the infield.

Jack Clark (RF, Giants) was in a pensive mood. He wasn't talking to anyone and he ignored the Color Guard. Perhaps, he didn't even see them. Even the sting of the sand didn't seem to phase him.

The group realized the time to perform on the field was drawing closer. Cook drew his team together to discuss last minute strategy. The wind could ruin their performance, especially trying to equalize the tension on the poles bearing the colors.

Gary Lavelle (P, Giants) strode out of the locker room and glanced over at Clark who was still brooding on the bench. Clark suddenly stood up and went out on the field. Lavelle walked over to the photographer and agreed to show the men how to hold a bat - adding, "I'd rather give a ball throwing demonstration."

Members of the color guard, **Pfc Mark Sargetn, Sp4 Lewis Gladfelter, Pfc Barney Olin and Sgt. John Cook (L to R) posed here with Vida Blue, pitcher for the S. F. Giants.**

Just before the Color Guard prepared to go out on the field, Metzger strolled over and wished them luck. The wind was merciless. It whipped the crowd with a bite that wouldn't quit. The organist blared the Army song and the team marched forward. As they reached second base, Sgt. Cook issued muffled commands and the team executed a precision turn to home plate. The wind put tension on the poles of the colors, but the determination of the team tamed the onslaught.

The organ issued forth the National Anthem, while the crowd watched on. The team moved again. This time back towards the dug-out. The performance came off without a hitch.

The umpire sounded off - "Play ball!" but the call was lost in the wind.

The color guard **march off the field after a successful opening ceremony at Candlestick Park.**

News notes

VA Benefits

So you're getting short and going back to school full time. How far can you stretch $311.

The current allowance for a single veteran going to school full time under the G.I. Bill is $311 a month. Although the VA check helps, most veterans find it necessary to work at least part time.

One way you can "earn while you learn" according to VA officials is to apply for the VA's work study program.

The program is designed for veterans going to school full time under the G.I. Bill.

Students can earn a maximum of $725 a semester by working 250 hours for the VA at $2.90 an hour.

Jobs are available either on campus or at VA facilities. Who gets the job depends on whether the student has a service connected disability, financial need, motivation and type of work.

Unless students apply in advance for their G.I. Bill benefits, they may end up paying their first semester's tuition out of their own pocket until their VA paperwork is processed.

Under the work study program, the VA will make an advance payment of $290 as soon as an employment agreement is processed. The advance covers the first 100 hours of work. After that, the VA pays after each 50 hours of work. Working hours can be arranged during or between semesters or other enrollment periods.

Information on the program is available from campus VA counselors or any VA office.

ROTC VA

A recent joint decision by DOD and the Veterans Administration extends GI Bill eligibility to certain officers.

Personnel who entered the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) before January 1, 1977, and were commissioned and served on active duty before January 2, 1978, are eligible for educational benefits under the GI Bill.

Further information is available from your local Veterans Service Center or your installation education center. (FORSCOM B-23)

CPO brief

by Mary Stump

The Presidio of San Francisco Civilian Personnel Office has several clerical position vacancies. The military dependent provides an excellent source of manpower to Department of the Army in a civil service capacity.

As the military sponsor relocates, it is often possible for the military dependent to secure continued employment with civil service. Presently, there is a great need for both temporary and permanent clerical help. If you are a military dependent and are interested in either a permanent or a temporary clerical position please contact the receptionist in the Civilian Personnel Office, Bldg. 37, Presidio of San Francisco for further information.

Dental Care

Limited dental care is presently available for dependents of ACTIVE DUTY personnel. The sequence of treatment is as follows:

1. Attend oral health maintenance class.
2. Initial dental exam
3. Prophylaxis and flouride treatment.

Numbers (1 & 2) above will be accomplished the same day, if possible.

Number (3) will require a subsequent appointment. Children ages 3 to 10 years will omit number 1.

The above will be accomplished on a space available basis. There may be periodic delays in scheduling due to patient load.

To be eligible for (3) numbers (1 & 2) must be completed.

Appointments may be arranged by phoning the dental clinic (561-2385) between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ft. Point experience

The Black Raven Scottish Pipe Band will parade within the historic walls of Fort Point in honor of Michael Allen Thurgood, a Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London, in a special ceremony at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Lynn H. Thompson, General Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, will present Thurgood with a certificate making him an Honorary Fort Point Canoneer.

Pipe Major William Cathro will lead the rousing pipes and drums of the Black Ravens in an hour-long performance within the historic Civil War fortress at the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The popular San Francisco pipe band took its name from the black ravens which nest at the Tower of London. The tower was first constructed 901 years ago by William The Conqueror to protect the city.

Fort Point, which was built to protect San Francisco, was completed 118 years ago. It is reached from Lincoln Boulevard in the Presidio.

Eaves dropping

"Private Harris, pick up on line two and take notes while I talk to Major Johnson about the new policy."

By following the supervisor's instructions, Harris may violate the Army's Wiretap, Investigative Monitoring and Eavesdrop Activities (WIMEA) policy, according to DA military intelligence officials.

A serious incident report must be filed and an investigation must be conducted if Johnson is not made aware of the listening party, officials said.

If, however, Johnson is told Harris is on the line and he has no objection, no policy violation is committed.

Wiretapping or investigative monitoring is defined as the act of intercepting, listening to or recording a conversation without the advance consent of all those involved in the conversation.

The policy prohibits people from listening to or recording any telephone conversation such as on an extension or speaker phone. It also prohibits recording a face-to-face conversation without prior consent of everyone involved.

During 1978, only 14 WIMEA violations were reported, officials said. Nine violations were reported during the first quarter of this year.

Officials say this "recent rash" of WIMEA violations has caused concern that the policy is not understood by Army personnel.

The WIMEA policy applies to both soldiers and civilian employees. It's purpose is to protect the individual's rights during official telephone conversations.

Army regulations allow monitoring or recording to be conducted only for investigative law enforcement purposes, communications management and security monitoring to ensure protection of classified information. Investigative monitoring must, however, be approved in advance by the Secretary of the Army.

Savings Bonds

Washington (ARNews) — Starting this month, soldiers buying series E and H savings bonds will receive 6.5 percent interest upon maturity according to army finance officials.

The increase from the old rate of 6 percent, officials say, is designed to make bonds more attractive as a long-term investment.

E bonds must be held for five years and H bonds for ten years to receive the full 6.5 percent rate, officials explained.

Soldiers who already have series E and H bonds and savings notes (Freedom Shares) will also receive the increased annual interest rate beginning June 1. The increased rate will begin with the first semi-annual interest period starting on or after June 1, officials added.

Interest on series EE and HH Bonds, scheduled to go on sale in January 1980 will also be increased to 6.5 percent.

San Francisco birthday

Friday, June 29
12:30 p.m.

PRESIDIO
OFFICERS' CLUB

Civic Birthday Luncheon, Officers' Club, Presidio. Music by the Sixth U.S. Army Band as guests arrive.

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Albert Shumate, President Emeritus, California Historical Society.

Blessing: Rabbi William Z. Dalin, D.D., Auxiliary Chaplain, Presidio of S.F. Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Ner Tamid.

Birthday Cake Ceremony: Col. John D. Hamilton, Commanding Officer of the Presidio, will present **La Favorita**, Miss Juana Schurman, descendant of the Carrillo and Arguello families of early California.

Greetings: Mayor Dianne Feinstein; Lieut. General Eugene P. Forrester, Chief of Staff, Sixth U.S. Army; Hon. Vicente Ramirez-Montesinos, Consul General of Spain.

Presentation of the Laura Bride Powers Memorial Award to author Carol Green Wilson by Mrs. George Adrian Applegarth.

Thanksgiving: Rev. Floyd A. Lotito, O.F.M., Deputy Deirector, St. Anthony Dining Room.

A tour of the Army Museum will be held after the Luncheon. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will open a new exhibit of paintings of California Missions.

New Legislation

Washington (ARNews)—The full senate last week passed S.428, the defense authorization act for FY 80 by a vote of 89 to 7.

A provision of this legislation includes an end to paying travel entitlements for dependents and POVs for service members in pay grades E1 through E4 with two or less years of service.

Soldiers already stationed overseas or those on orders dated before enactment of the bill will not be affected by this provision.

Personnel strength figures included in the bill reflect the Senate Armed Services Committee's recommendations for the following:

A. Denying the army's request for an additional 300 civilian employees primarily for child care in Europe.

B. A reduction of 100 soldiers and 1,100 DA Civilians involved in dependent community support overseas.

C. An increase of 500 soldiers to allow the army to test the effects of an 18 month tour for single or unaccompanied soldiers overseas.

The Senate Committee also requested that the Secretary of Defense report by December 31, 1979 on the implementation of these recommendations and other management actions planned to reduce the number of dependents' overseas by 10 percent by September 1980 and by 30 percent within five years.

The House has not yet begun debate on the House version of the Defense Authorization Act, H.R. 4040.

Upon arrival of the House legislation, both bills will be referred to a joint conference committee to resolve any differences.

Youth activities

Presidio Youth Activities will present the summer program starting June 25 thru Aug 17. Classes offered will be Arts & Crafts for ages 6 thru 12; gymnastics for ages 6 thru 15; and tennis for ages 8 thru 16.

Arts & Crafts will meet daily from 1 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 566 (Girl Scout building). The fee will be $5.00

Gymnastic classes will meet one hour per week on either Mon, Tues or Thurs. The class will meet in the Main Post Gym Exercise Room. The fee will be $12.00. Boys should wear shorts and socks; girls leotards and socks.

Tennis classes will meet every Monday and Wednesday at various times at Infantry Terrace courts. The fee will be $5.00. Youngsters are to bring one can of tennis balls to first meeting of class.

Registration for above classes will take place the week of June 18-22, 8 a.m. to noon, in Recreation Services Office, Bldg. 122. If paying by check, please make payable to Morale Support Fund. For more information, phone Dependent Youth Activities Director, ext. 5143.

Presidio Sports all around

The Men of Presidio swept a double header from Mather AFB to gain the top spot in the Northern California Armed Softball League. In the opener at Mather AFB, Albert Smith of the 170th MP Co. came up with a five hitter to better his record to 3 wins and 2 losses. The game may have been completely turned around if not for the spectacular play by James Poole of the 504th MP Bn Dining Facility. In the bottom of the third inning with Mather leading 2 - 1 and 2 men on base, a Mather batsman hit a line drive headed towards the right field line; Poole dove to his left to spear the ball and managed to tag the runner out at first base for a sensational double play to end the inning. Coach Jeff Frese indicated that all three runs would have scored if not for the great play by Poole. On the offensive side of the game, Rich Harding of DENTAC knocked in two runs, one of which came in the fifth inning of a triple, which proved to be the winning run. Final Score: Presidio 5, Mather AFB 3.

The second game was a slugfest with the Presidians once again on top with a 10 - 9 victory. Bobbie Washington of USAG and Rick Napper of LAMC provided the necessary fire power. Washington, Presidio's lead off batter, led off with a solo home run and then repeated his performance by hitting a two run homer in the fourth inning. Napper also got into the home run act in the first inning and then blasted a tremendous two run homer in the sixth inning. Fred Wilson, 864th Engr Bn, and Rich Harding went three for four at the plate. Gregg Martin, Presidio pitching ace, is still undefeated with a 5 win and 0 loss pitching record. Tomorrow the team will travel to McClellan AFB for a double header with game time beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Team Notes: This past weekend was the second in a row that Washington of USAG unloaded with two home runs in one game. Rich Napper remains the team leader in homeruns as he blasted two more to increase his output to seven home runs for the season. Team overall record: 8 wins and 2 losses.

by Marie E. Pollard

The Post Women's Slow Pitch Softball team, under the coaching staff of "Doc" Arrington (LAMC) and James Poole (170th MP Co.) is currently 2-6 in the Northern California Armed Forces Sports Conference.

Returning from last year's line-up are Ellen Bernhart (Reserves) Jean Ellis (Ret.), Eartha Knowles (LAMC), Cindy Poole (LAMC), Marie Pollard (LAMC), and Mary Jo Romano (LAMC). New to the team are Cathy Beering (LAMC), Nancy Brighton (Reserves), Laurie Carlson (USAG), Donna Clevelle (Ft. Baker), Mary Ellen Daly (6th Army), Rosa Ibanez (LAMC) Nancy McNally (LAMC), Jo Ann Moyers (LAMC), Candy Varela (LAMC), Bess Watts (163rd MP Co.), and Terry Welsh (LAMC).

On June 2 the women traveled to Travis AFB where they split a double header, winning the first game 10 to 9 and dropping the second one 8 to 1.

Back on the road June 9 they traveled to Beale AFB where they again split a double header. They won the first game 13 to 7 and lost the second one 10 to 4.

Their final away games of the season were played June 16 at Mather AFB. The women found themselves pitted against stiff competition and lost both games, 12-2 and 12-3.

Upcoming home games are July 14 against Travis AFB, and July 21 against Mather AFB. Both games are double headers beginning at 1 p.m. at the Fort Scott Field.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
GAME RESULTS

PRESIDIO LEAGUE
864th Engrs - 7, REGION IX - 0
USAG - 13, 170th MP Co. - 4
USACC - 12, LAIR #1 - 9
LAMC #1 - 9, Dept. of Medicine - 2
USAG - 8, REGION IX - 6
864th Engrs - 13, USACC - 8
LAIR #1 - 12, LAMC #1 - 10
504th MP Bn - 13, Dept. of Medicine - 12

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE
US Attorneys - 5, PX Service Station 1
PHS - 9, LAMC #2 - 2
PX Main Store - 24, LAIR #2 - 2
51st Engrs - 9, DIO - 6
666th RADAR Sqd - 14, Pathogens - 5
LAMC #2 - 12, Pathogens - 8
FBI - 11, 51st Engrs - 3
PX Service Station - 24, LAIR #2 - 4
PX - Main Store - 9, PHS - 3
US Attorneys - 11, DIO - 8

TEAM STANDINGS

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
LAMC #1	10	2
504th MP Co	8	2
USAG	9	3
LAIR #1	7	5
USACC	5	7
864th Engrs	5	6
Dept. of Medicine	5	6
REGION IX	4	8
170th MP Co	3	8

PATHOGENS - Moved to Ft. Scott League

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
666th RADAR Sqd	11	1
FBI	10	2
PX Main Store	10	2
51st Engrs	7	6
PX Service Station	7	6
US Attorneys	7	6
PHS	5	7
LAMC #2	4	9
DIO	2	2
PATHOGENS	0	4
LAIR #2	0	13

DRUG ENFORCEMENT - Dropped Out

Troop Talk

by Tom Tiernan

Company D, 864th Engineers have been shooting up the countryside lately. The unit completed their yearly weapons qualifications at Fort Ord, on June 8. The company went down daily by platoon to zero, qualify, and participate in live night fire. The soldiers also fired the M-16 with their protective masks and took a one and a half mile road march wearing their masks. Gun crews from the unit also recently completed a one week qualification at Camp Roberts.

Joining the unit in recent weeks have been Sergeants Augustus Sales and Robert Champagne, Spec 4s Jabors Terry, Anthony Holley, and Elroy Brooks, and Pvt George Tillary. Departing the unit were Sergeants Darrell Williams and John Dysart who are ETSing, PFC Wayde Coffey who is PCSing to Germany, Spec 4 Norman Beech and PFC Mason Shelton who are ETSing.

Over at the 163rd MP Co., the unit bids welcome to PFC Dorren Finger and Bessie Wott, and says so long to PFC Mike Pike and to Spec 4 John Forrey who are headed for Germany. Also departing are Spec 4 Joe Koziol, and Allan Kelly who are ETSing and SSgt Howard Ratleff who is retiring. The company offers congratulations to Spec 4 Tommy Cantwell upon being awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

The folks at Headquarters Company, USAG, offer congratulations to their commander, Capt. Sundra Boyd, upon her being awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Also receiving the award from the unit were Capt. Scott Isaacson, WO1 Joseph Echeverria, and SSgt. Gary Chism. SSgt. Claude Kelly is celebrating the birth of his grandchild on Father's Day. Claude is only 37!

Recent promotions to Specialist 4 have gone to L.J. Perez, Allan Darden, Harold Simpson, Terry Butler, Delores Jackson, John Rapp, Lyric Reeves, and Melissa Rinehart. Leslie Kerton has been promoted to Spec 5. New faces around HQ Co. include Spec 5 Reynaldo Fajardo, Spec 4 Stephen Carpec, Sgt. Edgar Austin, and PFC Dave Greer.

Sixth Region CIDC bids a hearty welcome to its new admin NCO, SSgt. Jose Peralta, who just arrived from Ft. Ord.

504th MP Bn Soldier of the Year

Specialist Five Harriet Jones is the new Soldier of the Year for 504th MP BN. Harriet was chosen in competition over three other soldiers. Said Harriet, "I felt the need to express myself on this board. I'm very goal oriented. It was another mountain for me to climb."

She is assigned to the S-1, 504th MP Bn. and is the Admin NCO. Harriet is a native of Seattle, Washington. She has completed some CLEP tests and intends to get her degree in home economics.

Jones will go on to compete for the title of Soldier of the Year for post, on July 11. Some of her competition will be soldiers from LAIR, LAMC, USAAC and USAG.

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Disability Retirement

come amounts to $84.60. Of the NCO's $6,429.60 annual retirement pay, $5,414.40 would be tax exempt and only $1,015.20 taxable.

The master sergeant, however, can still apply to VA for disability benefits. While the amount he receives is tax exempt, he must forfeit an equal amount of his retired pay.

Soldiers should remember that the percentage of disability as determined by the Army is not binding upon VA. The VA will conduct its own examination and decide on the percentage of a soldier's disability.

Monthly VA disability compensation rates currently range from $44 for a 10 percent disability to $809 for 100 percent disability. Specific rates of up to $2,308 per month may be added for loss of, or loss of use of, certain parts of the body, or for increasingly severe conditions. Each additional disability compensation rate is decided on an individual basis, according to VA.

Soldiers having questions about physical disability retirement should call or visit the Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO) at their nearest Army hospital.

Army Regulation 635-40, Physical Evaluation for Retention, Retirement or Separation, describes the policies and procedures for processing cases of soldiers unfit for duty because of physical problems.

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Stripes may come easier

If you've been struggling to reach an 801 or 886 cut-off score, hope is in sight. Your point total may be higher after this fall's recomputations.

Starting in October for E-4s and November for E-5s, a new version of the promotion worksheet will be used to compute the points of soldiers competing for promotion to E-5 and E-6, according to DA personnel officials.

The total number of possible points will still be 1,000, but more points will be awarded for certain awards, decorations and correspondence courses. Points will also now be granted for attending leadership and technical courses.

Awards

For example, in the past you only received 10 points for a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), eight points for an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM), and four points for a good conduct medal (GCMDL). With the new form you'll get 25 points for the MSM, 20 for an ARCOM, and 10 for a GCMDL.

Also, in the Awards and decorations category, badges such as the parachutist badge, divers badge, drill sergeant identification badge, and ranger tab have been added to the list. These awards will earn five points each.

Certificates of achievement, awarded by commanders in positions authorized the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or higher, will also earn five points.

Education

Under the old system, soldiers attending NCOES courses were not granted points for this training. Now, soldiers recommended for E-5 who attend the primary non-commissioned office course, primary leadership course or a primary technical course will earn 30 points.

Soldiers recommended for E-6 will earn 30 points for attending Basic NCOES, PLC or a basic technical course.

Fifteen points will be granted for on-the-job experience OJT when certified by your commander. Up to 15 additional points will be awarded, one point for each month of experience beyond what's required for Certification.

All other military courses (except basic training and AIT) will earn two points per week.

Three times as many points will now be awarded for correspondence or extension courses. Now one point will be granted for each semester hour earned at a business/trade school or college. These points will be granted based on the credit hours shown on the transcript of and accredited school or college.

Normally, job experience or training such as AIT or reclassification training would not earn points. If this training is accepted for credit by an accredited college and is shown on your transcript, you will receive points.

All soldiers will now receive 60 points for completing 12 years of high school. Another 15 points will be awarded for high school diploma or GED equivalents. A high school diploma or GED is required for promotion to E-6. Soldiers competing for E-5 who have not completed 12 years of school will get points for the last grade attended as follows: 9th grade, 15 points; 10th grade, 30 points; 11th grade 45 points.

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Trucker's strike may be felt here

by Tom Tiernan

The independent trucker's strike may be affecting the lives of some soldiers in the next several weeks and perhaps months if it continues for an expanded period of time. However, no problems have been experienced at the commissary or the post exchange.

According to officials at the Navy Supply Center, which is responsible for movement of household goods in the Bay Area, soldiers preparing to PCS in the next several months may face delays in the pick up, movement, and delivery of their personal property.

These delays may affect only a few soldiers or many, depending on the ability of trucks to reach their destinations. If gas supplies or road access is impeded, then problems may be felt.

Mrs. Backeberg of the Navy Supply Center urges all soldiers and their families about to PCS to be flexible. She recommends when setting planned departure dates, that individuals allow themselves one or two days leeway in case there is a delay in picking up their household goods.

Soldiers can help the situation by contacting the supply center at least 10 working days prior to the pick up date desired. The earlier, the better, the chances for the household goods to be picked up before the family departs.

To help soldiers who might face delays, the supply center has requested military personnel offices to give PCSing soldiers their orders at the earliest possible date. Housing offices have been asked to allow quarters occupants to remain in government housing as long as necessary to cover any delays. Anyone with questions should call the Supply Center at 466-6463.

Commissary

At press time no problems have been experienced at the post commissary. According to the store manager, there are several weeks worth of stock in the warehouse. He also states that only about 20 per cent of the commissary's stock is carried by independent truckers.

PX

Supplies to the Post Exchange appear to be on schedule and no problems have been reported. Army and Air Force Exchange officials have directed trucks departing distribution centers to carry signs reading, "Military Cargo," in the hope that they will be able to get through any road blocks set up by the truckers.

How much longer the strike will continue and or what additional actions the truckers may take are questions that can't be answered. Everyone is urged to be flexible and patient, everything possible is being done to ease any possible effects of the strike.

July Fourth past and present

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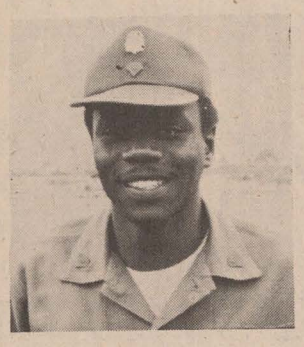
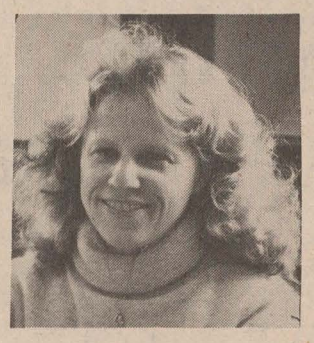
Ramblin' Sam

What do you consider to be the most important right guaranteed by the Constitution?



Sp4 Harry Hodge, TISA - "Freedom of Speech'! People need to be able to express themselves without fear of repression. Without this freedom people do not progress."

Miss Janet Rosselle, CPO - "The right to personal expression through freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to vote, in general the right to participate in a democracy."

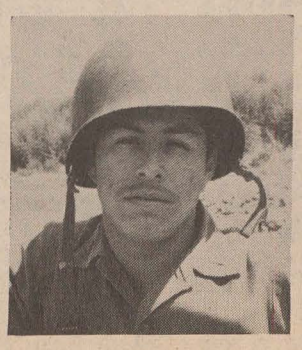


SFC Conrad Abrahamson, DRCE - "Freedom from unreasonable search because it prevents abuse of power by authorities."

Major Tom Behuniak, Deputy SJA - "I feel that you can't really separate them and say that one is more important than the other. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are basic freedoms wherein all other rights stem from."

Mr. Jim Hudgins, PAO - "Freedom of the Press! To me, the essence of freedom is being informed. Our country's strength is based on the fact that our press keeps us knowledgeable and aware of the world around us. In this way, we are afforded the right to make our opinions, and not those decided for us."

Sp4 Reymundo Herrera, TMP - "Freedom of Speech! It's important for people to be able to communicate without fear from repercussion."



Star Presidian changes editors

Ten months ago I assumed the Editorship of the Star Presidian.

The paper needed some revamping and revamp we did. After doubling the size of the edition, the Star Presidian staff diminished to one person. Fortunately, many people from the Presidio family responded to my call for help. Articles, pictures and story ideas started floating in. The newspaper is what it is today only through the help and support of its readers.

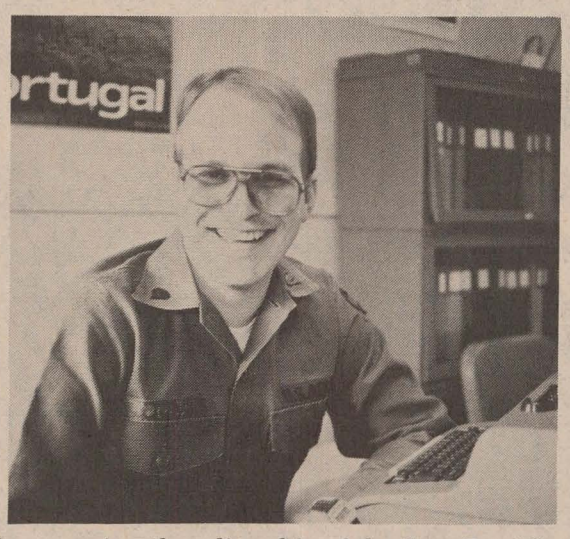
A few weeks ago, MSG Bob Leach, Information Supervisor for Post Public Affairs, departed for Darmstadt, Germany to become the Sergeant Major for the Stars and Stripes newspaper. Since that departure, I was asked to assume the role of the new Information Supervisor. I have gladly accepted the position.

Sp5 Tom Tiernan, who arrived here from Japan in February, will assume the Editorship of the Star Presidian. Tom has plenty of experience with Army newspapers. I am confident that he will do a great job on the coming editions.

Obviously, this is not a goodbye message from me — just a thank you!

I sincerely hope that you will continue to call, write, and support the new editor. Also, do not hesitate to call anyone on the Public Affairs Staff. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely yours,
Ted Elisee
Information Supervisor



In assuming the editorship of the Star Presidian, I want to assure all of our readers that there will be no drastic changes in this paper.

There will, of course, be changes which will reflect my style of editing. These changes will be directed at improving the Star Presidian and providing better service to you, our readers.

During his tour as editor, Ted Elisee did a great deal to improve the quality of the Star Presidian. And just because he has taken on new responsibilities doesn't mean he will be absent from the newspaper. I will call on him and all of you to help make the newpaper even better.

I will strive to provide you with the best newspaper possible. I will try to print articles which are of interest to every segment of our audience. Of course, we won't be able to meet everyone's desires every week but if you feel you're being overlooked, give me a call.

I will continue to print Letters to the Editors, and Action Lines. I hope to continue to bring you answers to your questions, and complaints.

This is a newspaper designed to keep the soldiers and civilians of the Presidio informed of the commander's policies as well as news of what is happening around the post. But it can also be a means of keeping the commander informed of what the post is thinking. I hope to try to continue this practice.

Your contributions will be gladly accepted and printed as space and good editorial judgment permits.

We are here to serve you, and with your help I will do my very best to continue to do so.

Tom Tiernan
Editor

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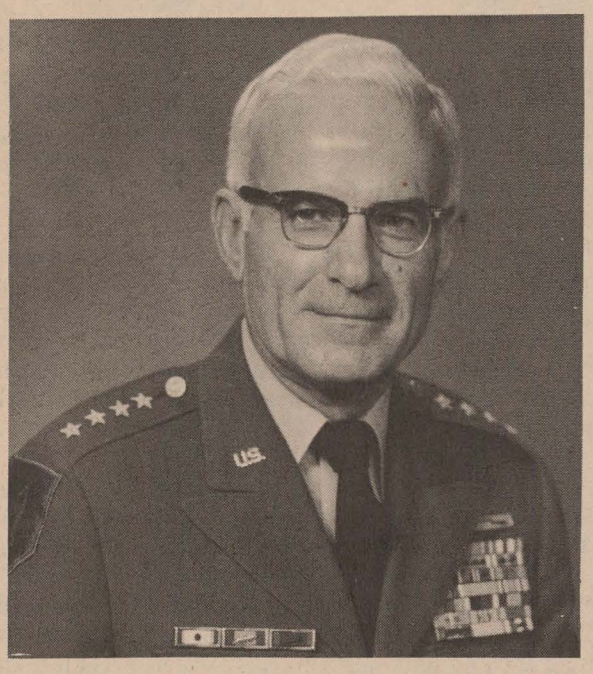
Rogers announces 'unilateral corps'



On his last day as Army Chief of Staff, General Bernard W. Rogers, announced a plan to design a "unilateral corps."

The Chief of Staff said, the corps will be "a self-contained corps, one that will have sufficient combat service support units in it that it can maintain itself for 'X' number of days." The 'X' is a classified subject.

The 82nd Airborne division would be one of the units in the unilateral corps, according to General Rogers.

The Chief of Staff said the corps would consist of units not earmarked for early deployment to NATO. This force could be sent to such areas as the Persian Gulf, the Middle East, or Northeast Asia to fight. The elements from the force would not be recalled for action in a NATO callup. The force would include units from the other services, with about 100,000 Army personnel.

Rogers announced the plan in a farewell news conference on June 21. During the news conference the out-going Chief of Staff emphasized that he and the Joint Chiefs would not make any public comment on SALT until they testify before Congress in July.

On soldiers in the Volunteer Army, General Rogers said, "My fitness report of the soldier today would be very high. They will fight. They wish to succeed."

In a personal message to the field, General Rogers offered these comments to soldiers and civilians alike. "It has been my privilege during the last several years to assist in leading you, the splendid soldiers and civilians of our total Army."

"You have my personal gratitude for the loyal and dedicated service you have given... You demonstrated that professionalism can overcome the challenges we face; this spirit of professionalism will continue to serve our country well."

"To each of you and your loved ones, I wish you good luck and Godspeed," he concluded.

Meyer becomes Army's 29th Chief of Staff

General Edward C. Meyer was sworn in as the Army's Chief of Staff in ceremonies last Friday. Meyer succeeds General Bernard W. Rogers who will become Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, on July 1.

Previously, Meyer was the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, and Senior Army representative, Military Staff Committee, United Nations.

Born in St. Mary's Pa., December 11, 1928, Meyer graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1951 and was commissioned an infantry officer. He holds a B.S. in Military Engineering from the Military Academy and an M.S. in International Affairs from George Washington University.

During his 27 years of service, Meyer has served as an infantry company commander; Commander, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institute, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army; and Commander, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) also in Europe.

The general's decorations and awards include the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinqished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters with V device, 34 awards of the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Meyer is the 29th Army Chief of Staff Since that office was created in 1903. Before that the top Army job was called "Commanding General of the Army."

Soldiers can see the world

"Fifteen cities in twelve days and eleven nights - see London, Paris, Rome, Switzerland, Germany and the banks of the Suez all for the low price of $1,500."

Ever see anyone that came back from one of those tours? Their heads are still sight-swivelling.

"And to your right we have the Eiffel Tower."

"But gee, Harry, I missed it."

"Too bad, Martha, you shouldn't have blinked."

All kidding aside, some people actually enjoy traveling and want to spend a little more time in a new country. If you're one of the more adventurous types, you may want to go on an overseas assignment.

Rather than sit back and wait for your name to show up on levy, there is a way you can volunteer for overseas duty.

First, contact your local MILPO. They'll help you fill out a volunteer request on a personnel action form (DA Form 4187).

You can only volunteer for the following general overseas areas by codes: 0-any overseas area, 1-Alaska, 2-Hawaii, 3-Caribbean and South America, 4-Africa and Middle East, 5-Europe (no specific location), 6-Pacific (short tour area other than Korea), 7-Korea, 8-Pacific (long tour area other than Hawaii), and 9-Southern Europe (Italy and Greece).

If you want a long tour in the Far East for example, list code 8, Pacific, on your volunteer statement. Based on that code, you could be picked for a place such as Japan, or Okinawa.

Assignment selections are not based on specific locations or units such as Fort Greely, Alaska or Heidelberg, Germany.

Make sure you volunteer for a place where your grade and PMOS are used. If there is no requirement for you in Alaska, regardless of how often you volunteer to go, you won't get there.

If your last overseas tour was long, such as to Europe, think about volunteering for a short tour. Your career branch will look at the request very closely before approving a return assignment to another long tour, especially if your MOS is normally rotated in a long-to-short tour sequence. Three long (or short) tours in a row are rarely considered except to meet extreme Army requirements.

An approved volunteer application means you've increased your chances of being selected for overseas ahead of your peers who haven't volunteered. Normally, however, you will not move until you complete one year at your present installation.

If you're on a stabilized tour, you usually will not move until the end of the stabilization. Should you want to volunteer for overseas, but are stabilized because of an enlistment commitment, include a statement of reenlistment waiver for your present duty station stabilization. Your MILPO can help you with this.

As a volunteer for overseas duty, be prepared to move overseas within 30 days after you are alerted. It is more likely, however, that you'll proceed 90 to 180 days after you receive orders. You could remain in volunteer status for several months before receiving an assignment. Remember, there has to be a valid requirement before you can be assigned.

Your overseas application will be effective until your next PCS, unless you pass the normal overseas rotation date for your grade and MOS or request it be withdrawn. Then you may be assigned to any overseas area, consistent with current Army policy and requirements.

In order to be notified that your application was received by Branch, include a self-addressed DA Form 209 (delay, referral or follow-up notice) with your paperwork. Disapproved applications will be returned to your local MILPO by formal correspondence. If accepted, you will be identified in the enlisted master file as a volunteer.

Your MILPO will notify you when you are selected for overseas duty. Don't call your Career Branch to check on the status of your application. Until your MILPO is officially notified through the assignment system, orders will not be cut nor will any action be taken.

Soldiers presently located overseas who wish to volunteer for transfer to another foreign country should indicate their desires in block 16 of the DA Form 2635 (enlisted preference statement).

For more information about volunteering for overseas duty, contact your local MILPO or read AR 614-30.

Sixth Army MOS school opens

Some 183 part-time soldiers have begun a two-week active duty tour at Camp Parks to complete training at the Sixth U.S. Army Military Occupational Specialty Training Center.

Representing a broad variety of civilian jobs ranging from housewife and schoolteacher to police officer and construction worker, the students are attending classes being offered for the summer period.

Host unit for the school is the 6237th U.S. Army Reserve School, headquartered at Camp Parks year round. The unit also operates school detachments in Reno, Nevada; and in Fresno and Oakland, Calif. During the summer school phase he also serves as MOS School commandant for the first of three training cycles.

Students at the school's opening session Monday, June 25, heard a welcoming address by Brigadier General Michael N. Bakarich, Chief of Staff of the Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco, who also toured training sites and classroom support facilities.

The centralized training facility and the summer school sessions enable National Guard and Reserve units from throughout the Sixth U.S. Army area to send personnel to one location for the specialized training they need.

Specialist courses offered at Camp Parks include those for tactical wire installation, chemical operations, power generator and wheeled vehicle maintenance, and food service, material and supply, chapel activities and administrative and personnel areas.

Course instructors are also completing their summer active duty. Like their students, they come from a diverse spectrum of civilian jobs.

Some 600 to 700 students are expected for this summer's sessions. They are attending from points as distant as Clovis, N.M.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and as nearby as Pleasanton, Calif.

San Francisco celebrates the four

by J. Phillip Langellier

As readers of the San Francisco **Chronicle** perused the June 25, 1876 edition of their paper, they could not help but notice the banner headlines announcing "The Third of July Review and Naval Engagement." Nearly the entire front page provided details on what promised to be "one of the most significant and probably grand events to occur upon the coming Centennial celebrations of American independence. . .".

Column after column went on to describe the elaborate plan which called for a number of War ships (including two visiting French vessels) to participate in a combined land and sea spectacular. Troops from the 4th Artillery Regiment, headquartered at the Presidio, joined an element of the 1st Regiment, United States Cavalry, and various California National Guard Units in what the paper billed as an impressive display where money proved no object.

This advance publicity worked well, for anxious onlookers descended upon viewing areas the following week. The Third of July newspaper noted that one location ". . .was black with spectators, and countless vehicles and streams of humanity trudged ant-like toward the sham battle grounds." In all, an estimated 85,000 thronged to catch sight of the well-publicized affair.

At eleven o'clock the event commenced with the arrival of the Governor, followed by a dress parade on the Presidio grounds. After the martial review, the troops took up their positions as planned. Soon the infantry opened fire against the imaginary enemy. The crowd rushed forward to get a better look. From then on everything seemed to go wrong.

As the infantrymen made a mock charge, they were followed by a company of the 1st Cavalry. Unexpectedly, four boys got caught up in the horsemen. Fortunately, no injuries occurred.

Next, the cavalry made another pass at the "demoralized" enemy, this time with drawn sabers. Somehow, an elderly man and his wife drove their buggy into the midst of this melee. For a moment the couple disappeared from sight. The spectators gasped, yet the two emerged miraculously, bruised but safe. Their buggy didn't fare as well, for it shattered into a thousand pieces.

At the conclusion of this portion of the program, a virtual stampede took place, with everyone shifting positions to view the naval engagement. The object of their attention seemed to be a "monitor" (ironclad) anchored between Alcatraz and Lime Point. Actually, the ominous invader was simply a scow with a dummy rectangular turret placed on it. This vessel was reserved as a target for the warships, while a painted rock with a flag served this purpose for the batteries at Alcatraz, Ft. Point and the Presidio. Angel Island floated its own small target within range of its guns.

As the fog began to lift, the "second act" got under way. At 11:30 Fort Point fired two signal shots. Soon the cannons began to blast. Amidst the smoke and noise the targets remained relatively unscathed. Hundreds of rounds later the situation became embarrassing. Finally, "a brave and daring hero was sent out in a tug" to set the target ship afire, "so that it should not remain in view of the world, a disgrace to the American Army and Navy," or so contemporary accounts stated. The spectators began to quip about the lack of accuracy.

Some called out that the "fellers" needed to be instructed in marksmanship. A gray-haired gentleman said that "if I had a boy fourteen years old who couldn't hit the target, I'd wring his neck." Another man offered to board the target for twenty dollars and remain there all day. After all, it seemed the safest place in the Bay at that time. The bombardment proved a fiasco, and everyone agreed that it "was a 'fizzle' of the biggest kind."

Despite this less than successful production, all enjoyed celebrating the Nation's first one hundred years. After all, it gave the population a chance to escape the doldrums of drab daily life. Military music, bright uniforms and the picnic atmosphere prevailed over the sham battle's shortcomings.

Nearly a century later as San Francisco again looked toward a national birthday, preparations began to celebrate the event. In the vanguard came the Presidio of San Francisco's Bicentennial Plan. This program called for a number of projects, ranging from a Post Museum to a special Bicentennial Marching Unit.

Although the Presidio began its career as a Military installation in 1776, most the installation's Bicentennial Committee felt it inappropriate to attire the unit in Colonial uniforms. Then the idea to recreate those elements of the 4th Artillery who participated in the Sham Battle of 1876 and which distinguished itself in numerous engagements on the frontier, was hit upon. The concept possessed a certain degree of novelty, and seemed tailored to the needs at hand.

By early 1975 research had produced photographs and examples of the uniforms and equipment needed to authentically deck out a Color Guard, a horse artillery battery, a foot artillery company and a regimental band of a century ago. Finding firms who would produce these long outmoded fashions proved no easy task, especially since accuracy was of the utmost importance.

The weapons and uniforms of the unit were particularly colorful besides being historically accurate. These "old soldiers" received antique .45-70 Springfield rifles and sabers.

The soldiers assigned to the light battery of the unit appeared in full dress of light blue trousers and coat with red piping and trim on the coat. They also wore the ornate plumed dress helmet with cords, after the fashion of Europe a century ago.

Crowds on the Presidio peer past Ft. Mason to view the mock battle on San Francisco Bay. Thousands gathered on post, and in their horse drawn vehicles to witness the much touted "Sham Battle". A grand 4th of July Parade was held the next day which proved somewhat more organized than this mock combat.

th of July past and present

The heavy artillerymen, whose duty it was to man the siege and coastal guns also dressed in blue with red trim, but used a small short-brim cap, called a "shako."

If outfitting the unit presented problems, so did the special training required of those Army personnel who volunteered for the unit as an additional duty. It would not do to just wear the uniform of the 1870's. A volunteer also had to learn the Army drill used by his predecessor of one hundred years ago. In effect they had to **become** a 19th Century Soldier in every aspect save one — face hair. While mustaches were encouraged, they still had to conform to present-day regulation, instead of the traditional Victorian "handlebar." Likewise, no beards were to be seen on the reincarnated artillervmen.

The unit's officers worked closely with the Presidio Army Museum Staff to carefully study the military movements of the era. Using a copy of **Upton's Artillery Tactics,** printed in 1876 (Colonel Emory Upton ultimately assumed command of the 4th Artillery Regiment at the Presidio in 1881), every pertinent aspect was worked out to the last detail. The appearance of modern soldiers in green fatigues, wielding antiquated sabers and long Springfield rifles, caused many a "double-take" as unsuspecting passersby glimpsed this incongruous sight.

Many drill sessions later, the sixty-five man outfit stood ready to perform at its first event, the Army's 200th Birthday on June 14, 1975. One problem arose, however; only half the unit's uniforms had arrived. Difficulties with manufacturing caused this snag. At the last minute the balance of the order came through, and so the 4th Artillery Regiment returned to San Francisco as if transported by a time machine.

Thousands witnessed the unit's first performance with a chilling sensation of the past running up their spines. The pomp and color of one hundred years ago caught the imagination of the crowd as the band struck up "Garry Owen" and other Nineteenth Century martial melodies.

For the next eighteen months the Presidio's Bicentennial Marching Unit remained in constant demand. Countless color guard requests came from far and wide. Dozens of parades and special ceremonies demanded considerable sacrifice of volunteer time. This dedication paid off with two large trophy cases jammed full of momentoes — testaments to the unit's success.

This historical unit participated in nearly 40 parades during their period of activation, winning a total of 27 first and second place awards. Some of these laurels came from appearances in the 1975 San Francisco Columbus Day Parade, the 1975 Alameda County Veteran's Day Parade, the 1975 San Francisco Veteran's Day Parade and the 1976 Daly City Bicentennial Parade. In addition, the unit's color guard performed before a nationwide television audience during coverage of a Multi-Nation, All Service Military Review at the Presidio on July 4, 1976.

On December 11, 1976 the final performance of this colorful organization took place at Fort Point, sponsored by the National Park Service. The event was the Fort's Second Annual Mexican-American Christmas Celebration. Since the Bicentennial Unit had appeared at the old brick bastion under the Golden Gate Bridge throughout the year, it was fitting that they close its successful record there.

That afternoon they lowered the National Colors for the last time, just as it had been done a century before. With this finale the unit disbanded. One can only hope that observers of the Tri-Centennial will be able to witness as stirring an event one hundred years from today.

The 4th Artillery Band **provided martial music as a background to the 1876 Centennial Celebrations. The massed musicians stand next to the regimental staff on their left. A tall bearskin cap distinguishes the principal musician or band leader.**

July 4th 1979

A wide variety of activities will mark the United States' 203rd birthday in San Francisco.

At 11:15 a.m., the Presidio will host a special "Salute to the Nation" on Pershing Square.

Three miles of entertainment will highlight San Francisco's celebration of the Fourth of July.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle in cooperation with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Presidio of San Francisco, the 1979 celebration of the founding of the United States will begin at noon, July 4, with a performance of the Pickle Family Circus at Fort Mason's pier 2. A repeat performance will be held at 3:00 p.m.

Turk Murphy will perform at historic Fort Point at 2:00 p.m. And from 3:00-8:45 p.m., Crissy Field will feature continuous entertainment for adults and children. Climaxing the shows will be a performance by the 6th U.S. Army Band.

At 8:45 the skies over San Francisco Bay will be filled with a kaleidoscope of colors. A Special fireworks display will continue until 9:30 p.m.

The day long celebration is designed for family outings and interested persons are invited to pack a picnic lunch and spend the day along the San Francisco waterfront. But remember to dress warmly.

Due to the limited parking available on the Presidio of San Francisco, persons planning to attend this event are encouraged to make use of the Muni Bus system.

Bus lines 28 and 45 service the Presidio daily and will be operating at a greater frequency to provide safe and easy access to the post and the 4th of July activities.

People living on and near the Presidio should consider walking to the activity site rather than driving. If you must drive, entrance to the post will be possible through all gates, from where you will be directed to a parking area. Traffic is expected to be heavy and there will be no cross-post traffic.

San Francisco's 203rd birthday

The City of San Francisco celebrates its 203rd birthday today.

The "City by the Bay" began from humble beginnings which are closely related to the growth of the Presidio.

Early in the sixteenth century, Spanish conquistadores found vast amounts of precious medals in Mexico and Peru.

Hoping to find more, Juan Cabrillo sailed a small craft off California's shore in 1542. Flying the flag of Spain, he claimed all the land touched by the waves of his ship as part of his country's New World holding.

Two centuries passed before the Spanish decided to act. Finally, Spain's King Carlos III, ordered a permanent stronghold built to insure his claims to California. By the mid-1700's his royal decree brought about the colonization of San Diego. For the next six years, Spanish explorations identified other appropriate sites for even more settlements. No doubt, the most important of these was the great "harbor of harbors," the bay of Saint Francis."

The bay had been discovered by chance in 1769 by a detachment of troops under Sergeant Jose Ortega. By late 1774 the powerful Viceroy (vice King) of New Spain (Mexico) directed that a site be chosen for a suitable outpost in the Bay Area. This task fell to Lieutenant Colonel Juan Bautista Agustin de Anza. Anza, the son and grandson of colonial officers, had long been in favor of an overland route between Mexico and the coast. He himself blazed the nearly thousand mile track, just before being ordered on his new assignment.

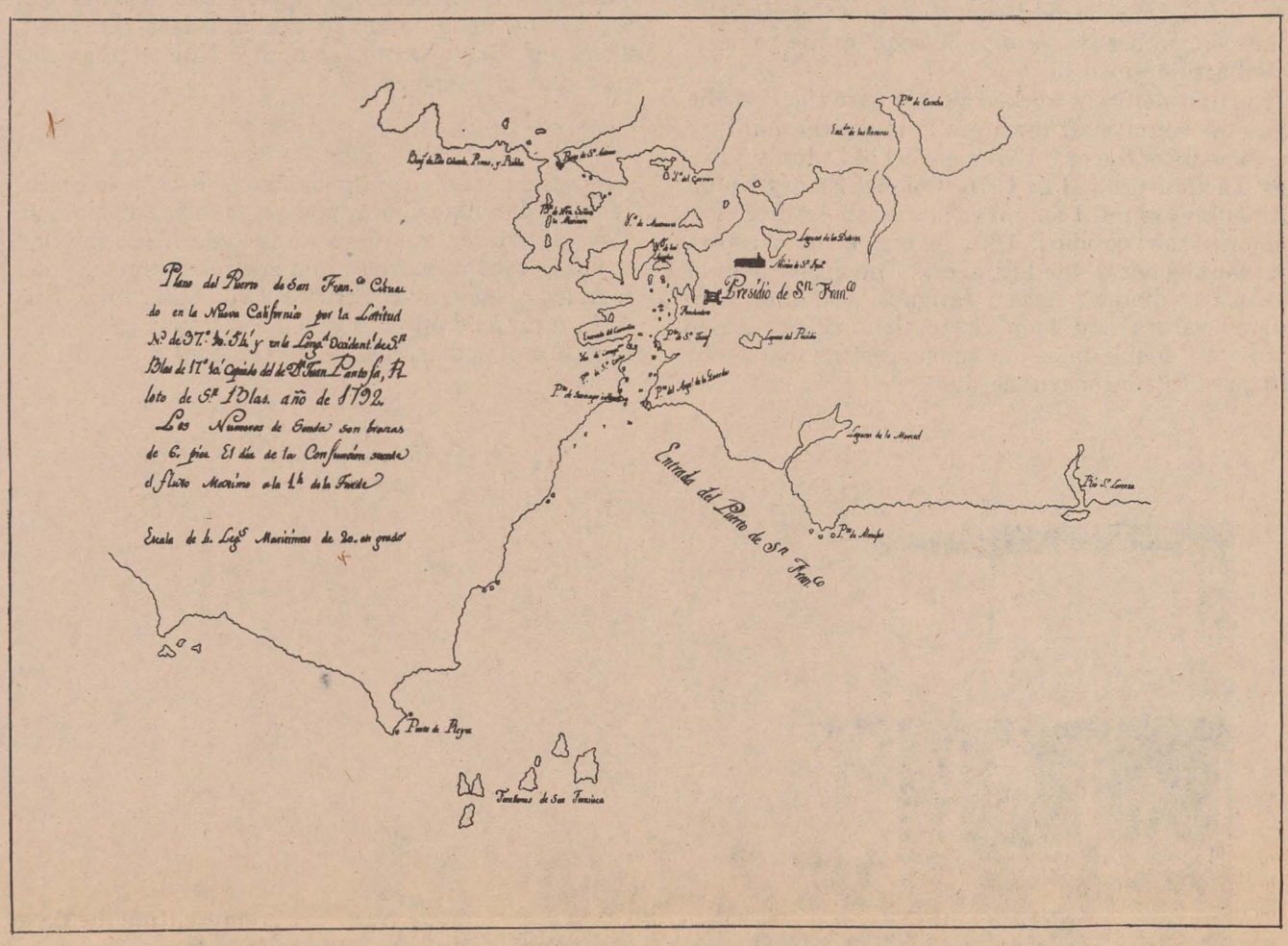
Lead by the Frontier Captain, nearly 240 colonists crossed deserts, rivers, and mountains and fought their way into Monterey. They arrived at Alta, California's capital on March 10, 1776.

In less than a week, Anza and an advance detachment of "leather jacket soldiers" continued up the coast. By the 28th, they selected a point overlooking the entrance to the Bay as the site for a fort. Their chaplain and chronicler, Padre Pedro Font, sensed the potential of the site when he wrote:

"This mesa affords a delightful view. Indeed, from it one can see a large part of the harbor, its islands, the mouth of the port and the sea as far as the eye can reach, even beyond the Farallones. The commander selected this mesa as the site of the new settlement and fort which was to be established at this port, for, being elevated, it is so commanding that from it the entrance to the mouth of the port can be defended with musket shots."

Even though the good Padre tended to exaggerate about the ease with which the Bay could be guarded, his words were echoed for over a century. Father Font did foresee one more important aspect, however, for he also wrote, "indeed, although in my travels I saw some very good sites and beautiful country, I saw none which pleased me so much as this." He continued, "I think that if it could be well settled like Europe there would be nothing more beautiful in the world, for it has the best advantages for founding in it a most beautiful city ....."

Unfortunately, for Padre Font, he would leave the Bay Area in just a few days never to return. This same fate befell Anza, for he was ordered to Mexico and appointed Governor of Sonora. It fell to his second in command, Jose Joachin Moraga, to return in June with the colonizing party. The group arrived on the 27th and by the 29th they celebrated mass in a simple shelter they had erected to temporarily serve as a chapel. From his humble beginning came Mission Dolores, one of the cornerstones of present day San Francisco. For this reason, the City has for years celebrated its "birthday" on this date, with festivities at both the Mission and the Presidio.



Original map of the Presidio and future City of San Francisco.

News from Civilian Personnel

by Mary Stump

The Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) has established a policy regarding review of Official Personnel Files (OPFs). Due to reduced staff and increased workload, it has become necessary to establish an exact time and date to review OPFs. To make an appointment, please call the CPO receptionist at extension 561-5732 between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:15 pm. The appointment will be within 24 hours (excluding weekends) after the employee's request. This not only provides time to have the OPF available for review, but allows sufficient time for any questions the employee may have regarding the OPF.

The contents of the OPF will not be reporduced because of the cost and the workload involved. However, in certain cases the Standard Form 50 and the Standard Form 171 may be reproduced depending on the specific circumstances. The Chief of the Recruitment and Placement Branch will personally approve all such requests for reproduction.

It is the employee's responsibility to maintain a personal copy of all official forms and correspondence pertaining to their employment with the Federal Government. They should assure that their OPF contains copies of all college and training courses, letters of appreciation, etc. It should also reflect all duties and responsibilities that have been officially assigned and performed. Everyone is reminded of the necessity to obtain approval from their supervisor before leaving the work site to review their OPF in the CPO.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. For further information regarding this matter, please contact the Recruitment and Placement Branch, 561-5732.

Youth program

The Presidio's Youth Work Program unfortunately got off to a rather poor start this year. Due to some internal problems the San Francisco Unified School District Youth Work Program project head was only able to produce a few of the original number of youths scheduled to being working on June 20, 1979. Consequently, only about 25 of the estimated 225 showed up at the post theatre where over twice that many supervisors and the PSF Commanding Officer were waiting to greet and orient them.

However, by the following day the program had recovered and the Unified School District had referred many of the students to their two counsellors located at the Presidio for referral to the organizations who are participating in the program.

Within the next two weeks they plan to complete their referral process. When this process is completed these counsellors, Kathy Morrision and Gerard Benegini, will be available for advice and assistance to the students and their worksite supervisors. These counsellors may be reached on telephone extension 3885.

This worthy program not only provides the Presidio with extra manpower, but offers a variety of training to high school students. Most of these students have never been employed before. It gives them a good look at what to expect when they one day become employed. For alot of these, it's their first contact with the military and civilians supporting the military.

We welcome you youth work program students and hope that we can offer some training experience, and a look at the military and civilian work force which supports the Department of the Army.

VRA

Recently, the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Robert L. Nelson, issued a memorandum expressing President Carter's and his commitment to ensure employment opportunities are concentrated on Vietnam Era Veterans. Colonel Hamilton has endorsed a Department of the Army goal of filling 4.5 percent of all vacancies with Veterans Readjustment Appointments (VRAs).

If you, or if you know of someone who served with the military on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and part of which occured during the Vietnam-era (5 Aug 64 through 7 May 75), and discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge, or discharged or released from active duty for a service connected disability if any part of such active duty was performed during the Vietnam-era, you may be eligible for a **VRA** appointment.

The maximum grade level of VRA appointments has been raised from GS-5 to GS-7 or equivalent. The 14 year restriction has been removed for compensably disabled veterans and veterans discharged because of service connected disabilities.

The Presidio's Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) has several openings for qualified VRA applicants. For Example: We are now recruiting for a Meat Department Manager, GS-7. If you have experience, or know of someone who has experience in Meat Market Managing, and qualifies for a VRA appointment, please contact the CPO, Bldg 37, extension 561-5732. Help yourself, help a friend, and help Department of the Army meet it's 4.5 percent goal of Veteran's Readjustment Appointments.

Presidio Sports

CISM team on way to Algiers

by Don Terry

A track team comprised of military personnel from all branches of the United States military left this morning for Algiers in Africa. The U.S. Team will be competing in the CISM, Council of International Sports Militarire (French), with 22 other countries.

The United States Military Track Team, coached by Lt. Colonel Jesse Liscomb (Retired), is made up of 15 Army, 7 Air Force, 5 Navy, one Coast Guard and one Marine.

Competition may be a bit tough for some of these people because they have been training for only a few months while "many other countries have full time teams training year round for this type of an event" the coach remarked but added, "these men really look good."

The Team members are: **Army:** 1st Lt. Scott Leishman (Hawaii), Hammer throw; Capt. Tommy Haynes (West Point) (1976 Olympian) long jump and triple; Sp4 Anthony Carter (Germany) long jump, and 3rd leg of the 400 meter relay; Sp5 Wendell Angel (Korea) 800 meter, 400 meter, 400 meter intermediate hurdle, 110 high hurdle, and 1600 meter relay; Sp4 John Davis (Ft. Detrick) 800 meter and 1500 meter; Sp4 Ashland Whitfield, 110 high hurdle and lead off man on the 400 meter relay; Sp4 Mike Shine (West Point) (1976 Olympian) 110 high hurdle, 400 meter intermediate hurdle and anchor man in the 1600 meter relay; Sp5 Howard Brock (Ft. Mead) 400 meter, 800 meter and number 3 man in the 1600 meter relay; PFC Johnny Williams (Ft. Lewis) 100 meter, 200 meter and number 2 man in the 400 meter relay; 2nd Lt. John Enright (West Point) 1500 meter and the 5000 meter; Pvt William Lloyd (Ft. Lee) triple jump; 2nd Lt. Kurt Alitz (West Point) 300 meter steeple chase, marathon, 5000 meter and 10,000 meter; 2nd Lt. Joseph Berendt (Ft. Riley) 20 kilometer walk; PFC Lester Washington (Germany) 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, anchor man on the 400 meter relay and lead-off man on the 1600 meter relay; 2nd Lt. Duane Fuller (Ft. Benning) Discus.

Air Force

A1C Michael White, pole vault; Lt Col Glenn Passey, Discus; 1st Lt. Marvin Baker, 100 meter and 200 meter; 1st Lt. Mark Webster, 400 meter, 400 meter intermediate hurdle and 1600 meter relay; 2nd Lt. Michael Layman, 5000 meter; 2nd Lt. Steve Pecinousky, 20 Kilometer walk; 1st Lt. Walt Saeger, marathon.

Navy

Ensign Doug Stone, 100 meter, 200 meter and 400 meter relay; E-5 Dennis Deloach, High Jumper; E-4 Jay Bass, Javelin; Lt. Phil Camp, Marathon; Lt. Scott Haney, Shot Put.

Coast Guard

Lt. JG Mike Moore, High Jump and Decathlon

Marine

Capt. Jeffery Kramer, 1500 meter.

Army's Anthony Carter, **a 2nd place winner in the interservice track and field championship, will be representing the US as part of the CISM team headed for Algiers.**

PSF sports roundup

Adult tennis

The PRESIDIO TENNIS CLUB will hold its First Annual, Pre-4th of July Round Robin on Sunday, July 1, 1979. The Round Robin will be held in conjunction with our First Annual, Pre-4th of July Hor D'Oeuvres Festival on Monday, July 2, 1979. It will be a mixed doubles round robin; changing partners after each set. You do not have to have a partner to enter. For the full day of tennis we hope that everyone will bring their BBQ grills , coolers, and picnic baskets and make the day complete. Entry fee is $1.50 per person. Just show up at **COURT 3 AND 4** behind the library and sign up. For more information contact RALPH CRUICKSHANK at 561-3309.

THEN. . .show up Monday, July 2, 1979, at 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Presidio Yacht Club (upstairs) for the First Annual Pre-4th of July Party. This time the theme is "Hors d'oeuvres Festival". Everyone brings their favorite hors d'oeuvres and recipes to swap. There sill be dancing (disco), drinking, and "Uncle Sam" will be awarding trophies. The cost is $2.00 per person. For further information, contact Robert T. D. Watson at 561-2736 or 561-2712.

Package Private Group tennis lessons are in full swing. Contact Dee at 561-3515 for more information or to enroll.

Presidio's outstanding Jr Vet Team (34-43 years old) wond the Western Regional FORSCOM Jr. Vet Title to cap off a fine tennis season.

Nick Lapins (LAMC) won the singles title, while Joseph Egan (LAMC) made it to the semifinals. Lapins and Egan joined forces in the doubles competition and made it to the semifinals.

Presidio's Post Team played well in all the other divisions and deserve a big hand in representing this installation at Fort Lewis.

Youth tennis

Recreation Services Dependent Youth Activities will hold an advanced junior tennis training program for authorized dependent youngsters, ages 12 through 18. This program is designed for junior players aspiring to play tournaments sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association.

The training will be devoted to intense instructional sessions on the court, as well as rigid physical training designed to develop strength and reflexes; extensive drilling to sharpen all strokes; and competitive matches with other players of similar ability. At the end of the program, USTA membership cards will be issued, together with USTA skill certificates. The program is designed to benefit those players who are willing to exert maximum effort. The program is limited to 12 players, and will meet every Thursday and Friday from 8:30 to 10 A.M. at Infantry Terrace tennis court. Fee for the class is $50 per student and will run July 5 through July 27. For more information, call DYA Office 561-5143.

Basketball

The Presidio Summer Basketball Program is in full swing with three games being played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings commencing at 6:00 pm at Post Gym #1. Teams competing was formed from a pool of over sixty players from units throughout the Presidio, desiring to play basketball in the summer time. Six team captains were selected, who in turn drafted team members from the pool of players. For once on the Presidio an athlete from LAMC can join forces with an athlete from Garrison and win a trophy for their efforts.

Softball

Team captains selected are as follows:

TEAM #1	Duane Gibson, LAMC
TEAM #2	John Rapp, USAG
TEAM #3	Regneld Kemp, 87th Ord
TEAM #4	Robert Clipper, 6th Army
TEAM #5	Michael Easley, USACC
TEAM #6	Robert Rodgers, 864th Engrs

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
666th RADAR	12	2
FBI	12	2
PX-Main Store	11	2
US Attorneys	9	6
51st Engrs	8	6
PX-Service Station	7	8
PHS	6	8
LAMC #2	4	11
DIO	3	3
Pathogens	2	4
LAIR #2	0	15

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
USAG	11	3
504th MP Co	10	3
LAMC	10	4
Dept of Medicine	8	6
LAIR #1	7	7
864th Engrs	7	6
USACC	6	8
REGION IX	6	8
170th MP Co	4	10

News notes

Rec Center news

BASEBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW: Cinn. vs S. F. Giants, Sunday July 1 at 1 PM. This is a special double header at Candlestick Park. YANKEES vs A's Sunday July 8 at Oakland. This is a great chance to see the world champions of baseball in person, and everybody's friend, Billy Martin. We have Home plate Box seats for only $5.00 each.

Half Price Box seats; Giants vs Mets on Tuesday night July 24 at 7:35 pm. Don't worry about parking on this one, because the Recreation Center will provide free bus transportation to and from Candlestick Park. Box seats are only $2.50 ea. So come up to the Log Cabin and sign up today.

SANTA CRUZ TOUR: You may now register for this tour which will leave from the Recreation Center at 9:00 am on Sunday July 29. A $2.00 returnable deposit will retain your seat on the bus. For additional information call Ext. 561-7000 or 5420 after 4 pm. Open seven days a week for your pleasure.

We've moved

The Presidio Provost Marshal's Military Police Investigative Section, Physical Security Section, and Crime Prevention Section are now located in the basement of Bldg. 222. All telephone numbers and duty hours remain the same.

Conserve energy

All occupants of government quarters are asked to be as frugal as possible in using dishwashers and all other electrical appliances. Inspection of housing areas reveals that many residents are not turning off their outdoor lights during the daylight hours. Please make sure all outdoor lights are turned off when not needed, and treat all utilities as though you were paying the bill.

CID looking for you?

The United States Army Criminal Investigation Command is currently seeking highly qualified career oriented soldiers to become special agents in the field of criminal investigation. For more information on qualification requirements see AR 195-3 or contact Special Agent Brown, at the San Francisco Field Office by calling 561-5405 or 561-3577.

Reading club

Children in grades 1-8 are invited to register for the Presidio's Summer Reading Club. The theme for this summer is "Let's Play Ball." Registration is now underway and will continue until July 17 at the Presidio Post Library. For further information call 561-3448 or 561-5037.

Museum display

The Presidio of San Francisco Army museum today opened a special exhibit of oil paintings depicting some of the 21 missions in California, as part of their salute to the City of San Francisco's birthday.

Mama (Patricia Zimmerman) **is joyful as she receives garden tools from her son (Sp5 Michael Rodman-LAMC) and her daughter-in-law (SSG Edith Love - HQ 6th Army) in the Presidio Players production of 'A Raisin In The Sun.' This award winning play will be presented tonight and tomorrow. Tickets are available from the Playhouse box office by calling 561-3992 or at the door 30 minutes before the performance.**

The missions and the Spanish military are closely related to the growth and development of not only the city but also the Presidio.

Also on display are photos of John Wayne and the costume from one of his movies.

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ROTC VA

A recent joint decision by DOD and the Veterans Administration extends GI Bill eligibility to certain officers.

Personnel who entered the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) before January 1, 1977, and were commissioned and served on active duty before January 2, 1978, are eligible for educational benefits under the GI Bill.

Further information is available from your local Veterans Service Center or your installation education center. (FORSCOM B-23)

Nursery rates

Due to the rising costs of personnel and material and in order to implement a reservation system, the following rates will go into effect July 1:

HOURLY

E1 - E4
$ .85 - 1 child
$1.40 - 2 children
$1.95 - 3 children
All Others
$1.00 - 1 child
$1.65 - 2 children
$2.30 - 3 children

MONTHLY

E1 - E4
$120 - 1 child
$200 - 2 children
$280 - 3 children
All Others
$140 - 1 child
$235 - 2 children
$330 - 3 children

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Another change involved with the new worksheet involves the use of SQT results. With the old worksheet, points were granted based on the raw score and percentile ranking.

Since the percentile ranking was not available until all soldiers in your MOS took the SQT, scores were often based on the "no fault" provision. Now, SQT points will be based on the raw score as shown on your individual soldier's report.

The no fault provision for soldiers who don't have the SQT is still included on the new form.

According to DA officials, the new worksheet provides the soldier greater opportunity to increase his promotion points and therefore, his promotion probability.

For an example, a soldier desiring promotion will now have more ways to increase his point total over the soldier just waiting his turn.

Also, the commander recognition of a soldier's achievement will now translate directly into more promotion points.

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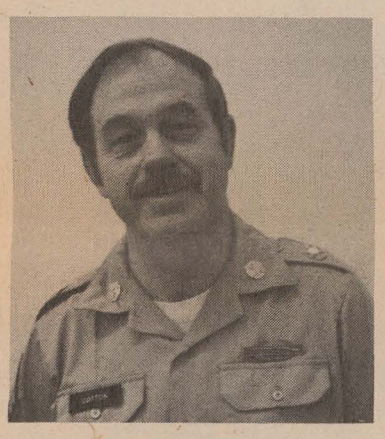
Ramblin' Sam

What qualities should the Soldier of the Year possess?

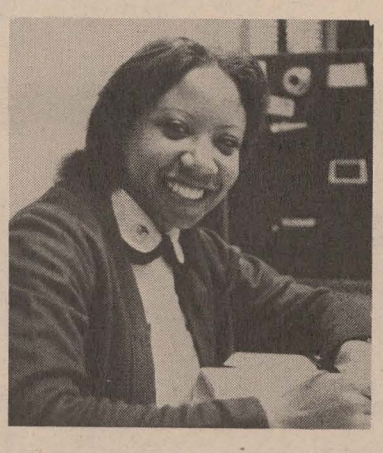
Capt. James Tyndall, ODCSPS, Hq. 6th Army — "Military bearing is very important as well as maturity, compassion for those that are less fortunate, the ability to relate to subordinates, peers and superiors, patriotism, common sense and the desire for self imporvement."

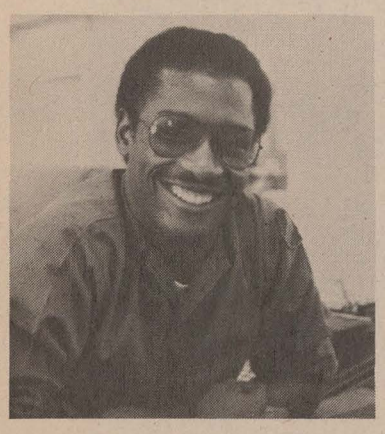
Mrs. Kim Monk, Secretary, INS Division — "I would say good leadership abilities, dedicated to his or her work as well as interested in what he is doing and can effectively work with others."



SGM Earnest Cotton, DCSOPS — "Knowledge and experience in the soldiers MOS, military bearing and an attitude of learning, both military and civilian."

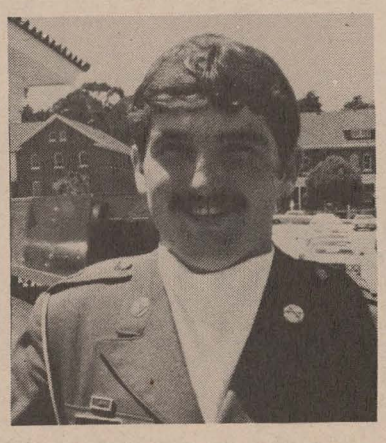
Sp4 Denice Quinones, USAG Dining Facility dmin Clerk — "A soldier must have good integrity, should be looking toward a career in the Army, and is willing to do whatever job the Army wants him to do."





Sp5 Allan Darden, Personnel Management, COMPACT — "The Soldier-of-the-Year should know what the Army is all about and should want to display that with excellence in his field. Military bearing is also a very important quality."

Sp4 George Horton, 170th MP Co. — "I feel that the soldier-of-the-year should be dedicated, strak, and have a good attitude as well as having good job knowledge."



Commander supports open communication

One of the aspects of being a commander or a supervisor is the ability to recognize the importance of open communication between all Presidio personnel. Communication, however, cannot be one-sided. Communication between an individual and the commander/supervisor is essential to mission accomplishment and high morale.

One method by which an individual and the command can participate in two-way communication is through Letters to the Editor column in the **Star Presidian** and also the Action Line. These columns allow a person to have his/her questions concerning post policies and practices answered.

Secondly, it gives the commander, agencies and directorates the opportunity to explain these policies and practices to many other members of the Presidio family. Questions on the part of the Presidio family should be encouraged and also answered promptly, properly and honestly - keeping in mind that the answers provided are given on behalf of the commander. No individual should feel fear for having voiced a valid complaint or question.

Open communication is our goal. Let's strive towards it!

JOHN D. HAMILTON
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

Rudeness ruins relations

A recent article in a major weekly news magazine decried the growth, and seeming acceptance of public rudeness. Being discourteous seems to be taking a place next to mom and apple pie as an American way of life.

A letter received by the post commander seems to indicate that being discourteous is starting to become a trait of the soldiers assigned to the Presidio.

The letter was written by a jogger who states that during her runs through the post she is the object of catcalls and off-color remarks. This type of behavior is unacceptable from soldiers.

The Presidio is an open post and each day thousands of civilians who are not associated with the Army drive, jog, and walk through the installation. They expect and deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy.

Good relations between the Army and the civilian community is essential if we are to accomplish our mission of being a ready force and a deterrent to war.

We also need the support of our fellow citizens if we are to continue to be welcomed into the communities which surround our military installations. We expect to be treated with respect and courtesy.

The community in "community relations" doesn't stand for the Army community, nor does it stand for the civilian community. It stands for one community shared by soldiers and the ordinary citizens.

Remember, "An insult lasting several seconds can undo weeks, even months, of good work and noble deeds."

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EIC for soldiers

The Army has been ready to go with the advance payment of Earned Income Credit (EIC) for 1979 since July 1st, according to DA officials.

All the necessary forms and instructions are in the field and local finance and accounting offices have the necessary information for those soldiers eligible for the advance credit payments.

Under the Revenue Act of 1978, employers must make advance payments of the EIC with wages paid after June 30, 1979, to qualified employees who request it from them by filing the necessary forms.

To be eligible for the advance EIC payments you must meet all the following requirements:

Your adjusted gross income for the year (including that of your spouse, if married) must be less than $10,000.00;

An exemption must be claimed for a child who lives with you full time as a dependent or your may qualify as an unmarried head of household under certain circumstances;

If married, file a joint return. If not married, pay at least half the cost of keeping up a household;

At least one of your children must live with you full time except when he or she is away at school or on vacation.

If eligible, you can choose to get the advance EIC payments with your end of the month pay by filing an IRS Form W-5, earned income credit advance payment certificate, with your servicing finance and accounting office. Both you and your spouse must file separate W-5 Forms if you are both employed.

The maximum advance EIC payment allowed per month is $41.67, with the actual amount varying in respect to regular pay entitlements.

Payment of the advance EIC, to those who qualify, will be made through the Army-Joint Uniformed Military Pay System (JUMPS-Army).

Advance credit payments will be shown in block 6 of the leave and earnings statement (LES).

Eligible individuals can submit the W-5 Form anytime during the year, however no retroactive payments of the advance EIC will be made.

A new IRS Form W-5 must be filed if your status changes and you are no longer eligible for the credit or if you no longer want the advance payments. Additionally, a new Form W-5 must be filed for 1980. The present W-5 expires on December 31, 1979.

If you receive advance EIC and later find that you are not eligible, you will have to pay it back when you file your annual Income Tax return.

For more information, check with your unit.

HQ Co Soldier of the Year

Specialist Five Carl Windisch, NCOIC of the Welcome Center's Finance Section, has been selected as the Soldier of the Year for Headquarters Company, USAG.

Windisch, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said on being selected, "I am greatly honored to have been selected to represent Headquarters Company before the Soldier of the Year Board. The keen competition and interest of the other candidates provided a real morale boost and an intense desire for excellent.

Having been granted the opportunity for future competition, I am certain my performance will reflect favorably upon my unit."

Competition to pick the HQ Co. representative was extremely close. Of the 12 soldiers who appeared before the company selection board, four had to reappear to determine the selectee. The other three included Sgt. Harold Simpson of COMPACT, Sp5 Tom Tiernan of Public Affairs, and Sp4 Ken Juber of DPTSEC's Photo Facility.

The 27 year old Windisch is currently on his second enlistment in the Army having enlisted in 1975. He is currently working on a bachelors degree in business from San Francisco State.

Prior to coming to the Presidio in April of 1978, Windisch was assigned in Darmstadt, Germany.

Windisch will compete with representatives from LAMC, LAIR, and the 504th MP BN for the post Soldier of the Year title on July 12.

PSF Scout of the Year

Damon Rich, son of Capt. and Mrs. Rolla Rich, has received the "Scout of the Year" award and the Gold Medal of Achievement for his accomplishments in the Presidio's Cub Scout Pack 77. He has also received a Certificate o Achievement/Appreciation from the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and also a Letter of Achievement from the National Council, BSA.

Rich, age 10, was able to complete all 195 Wolf and Bear elective projects when most boys complete about 80 projects. The National Council, BSA, has no record of this ever being accomplished.

Among the many projects that Rich completed was a raft that he used out on the Bay and a Pilot trainer.

Rich has earned 26 "Arrow Points" for his achievements and has been nominated for National Youth of the Year. "I have been working on these projects for about a year and a half," the youth said, "spending about three hours a week on them." Capt. Rich added that "you can accomplish quite a bit in three hours a week."

Rich was also the first scout in Pack 77 to receive the coveted God and Country Award. He enjoys and participates in such sports as swimming, Karate, gymnastics, track and his favorite sport, soccer. He is an Acolyte at the Presidio Post Chapel and his hobbies include model building and stamp collecting (he has over 200 first day issues and first flight cancellation stamps).

"If I could do anything I wanted right now," Rich said; "I would like to build a big house for my dad."

Message from the Chief of Staff

June 22, 1979

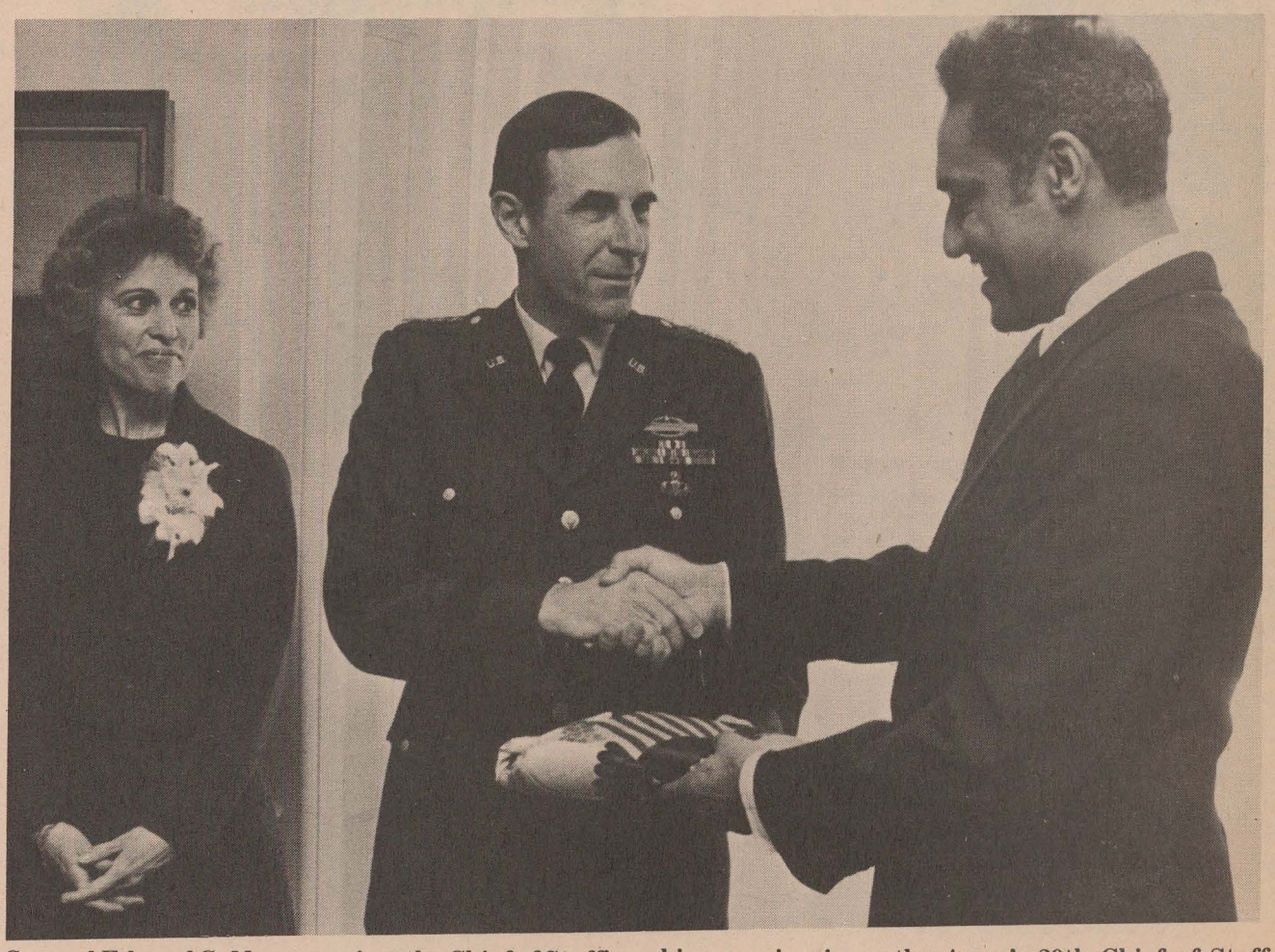
Today I assume office as the twenty-ninth soldier privileged to serve as the United States Army Chief of Staff. I fully recognize the great trust and confidence placed in me and pledge my dedication to you as we work together to serve our nation.

This nation faces many challenges - some very evident, others yet beyond the horizon. When required, our fellow citizens expect us, with our sister services, to be ready to go to war. They should expect no less. This is our mission.

In return for your dedicated service, I pledge my complete support to your welfare, in peace and war.

Let us together continue the work so well begun by General Rogers.

EDWARD C. MEYER
General
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army



General Edward C. Meyer **receives the Chief of Staff's Flag, from Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. Gen. Meyer was presented the flag following his swearing in as the Army's 29th Chief of Staff. Looking on is Mrs. Carol Meyer.**

ASSIGNMENT: U.S. ARMY JAPAN

The telephone rings, it's the first sergeant who tells you that you are on orders for an assignment to U.S. Army Japan.

For some soldiers and their families an assignment to Japan can be one of the best tours in their career. But for others the next three years can be disappointing and boring. It all depends on the individual's outlook and the expectations of what the tour holds for him.

The majority of soldiers going to Japan are assigned at Camp Zama, located 35 miles southwest of Tokyo. A few troops are assigned to Okinawa, the ammo depot at Akizuki, or to Misawa Air Force Base.

Camp Zama, with its two sub-posts, Sagamihara Dependent Housing Area and Sagamihara, is the home for Headquarters U.S. Army Japan/IX Corps, the U.S. Army Health Clinic, Honshu Communications Command-Japan, Aviation Detachment Japan, and the Criminal Investigation Command's Pacific Crime Lab.

The post which is small in size offers a small town community with all the conveniences found in an American town.

Quarters

Quarters ranging in size from one to five bedrooms are available to soldiers in grades E-4 (with two years of service) and up. Housing is available on Camp Zama, Sagamihara Dependent Housing Area, and Sagami Facility in duplex and single units.

Single soldiers in grades E-1 through E-4 live in two-man rooms while E-5s occupy a room to themselves, some with private bath. Noncoms in E-6 and above are provided two room suites some also have private baths.

For the single soldier the consolidated enlisted dining facility offers three meals a day. It also is open to dependents on certain days during the month and on holidays.

A new health clinic will soon be completed to provide out-patient medical care to soldiers and their dependents. In-patient care and special consultations are provided at either the Yokosuka Naval Regional Medical Center or the Yokota Air Force Base hospital. Transportation is provided via Army helicopter to these facilities.

PX and Commissary

A post exchange, Shoppette, personal services mall, and new car sales are located on Camp Zama. Most needs and wants can be taken care of at these facilities. However, a Navy Exchange is located nearby at the Atsugi Naval Air Facility to help fill the void at the Zama exchange.

The main commissary store is located in the Sagamihara Dependent Housing Area with annexes at Camp Zama and Sagami Facility. Every food item one would want or require can be found in these three facilities.

Dependent schools are available right on post for students in all grades. A new high school will open soon to complete modernization of the educational facilities available to dependent youths.

For adults, both the University of Maryland and Los Angeles City College offer a variety of undergraduate degrees in a number of areas of study. Michigan State and Maryland both offer masters degree programs for those of you who desire them.

A post field house, movie theaters, trout pond, parks, baseball diamonds, and a recreation center form the hub of after duty hours activities on post.

The Dependent Youth Activities runs a wide variety of sporting activities and classes for post youth. Scouting programs are available for both boys and girls.

A well organized and inexpensive tours program offers sightseeing trips not only in Japan but to other parts of the Orient as well. Included in the tours schedule are trips to climb Mount Fuji and a two week Far East tour.

For those weekend trips to Tokyo, the Sanno Hotel and Hardy Barracks offer convenient places to rest your head. The Sanno offers rooms and dining facilities at an inexpensive price, while Hardy Barracks, offer only rooms.

Papers and TV

For those who like to keep up on the news, the Pacific Stars and Stripes is available with the day's latest events. Copies can be obtained from stands around post or through to the door delivery.

Television viewing is provided by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service through the Kanto Plains systems. Programs are a mixture of the latest shows on U.S. channels and a variety of reruns and classic movies. Some American programs may be seen on Japanese channels through a cable system which was recently installed. This allows viewers to receive the English version of the program by turning on their FM stereo dials to a special channel.

Other Services

Religious services are available in most major denominations at three chapels centers.

The Army Community Service is quite active in providing a loan closet and a host of other services to the Zama community. The Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief are also available to help out in times to trouble.

Banking and savings facilities are available through the Chase Manhattan Bank and the San Diego Bay Credit Union.

Getting around in Japan can be rather frustrating at times, especially when you have millions of cars trying to drive through its many narrow and crowded streets.

Japan does offer an extremely efficient and inexpensive train system as an alternative to driving. The trains run throughout the country and include commuter-like service and long distance travel via the "Bullet Train."

Life in Japan is not cheap. The recent devaluation of the dollar has made sightseeing expensive. But there are many things that are free for the seeing or have small admission prices.

Since sightseeing and an occasional meal at a Japanese or American restaurant off-post is all most Americans will be spending their money for, budgeting and planning should make life more enjoyable.

Throughout Japan, Americans can expect to receive a warm welcome from their Japanese hosts.

In the Camp Zama area relations are especially warm and the post is open on Armed Forces Day, and the Fourth of July for celebrations and friendship. The highlight of the year, however, falls in with the Annual Japanese-American Goodwill Bon Odori festival.

The event sponsored by the post and neighboring Zama City brings thousands of Japanese and Americans on post for a day long celebration featuring food, games, music and rides. Then as the day draws to a close yukata (summer kimono) clad Americans and Japanese gather around a brightly lit and decorated dance platform. There to the beat of drum and the strains of the flute a huge human circle begins to perform the many bon dances.

The evening and day concludes with the skies lit by fireworks and the air filled with the cheers of the throngs below.

What to take

What should you take to Japan? Quite frankly, very little.

You should include however clothing for the four seasons. Japan experiences all of them. The area around Camp Zama is generally mild with temperatures ranging from the 30s to the 80s. Winter clothes are recommended for skiing and traveling to other parts of the country.

Also take along your pots, pans, kitchen appliances such as toaster and blender, a favorite chair, linens, drapes or curtains, the kids' toys, a baby crib (if necessary), the television, plates and silverware, and not much more.

Since everything from beds to couches and washer and dryers are available from family housing, why be worried over being overweight when you come home. Japan is a collector's heaven, even if you're not a collector.

What not to take

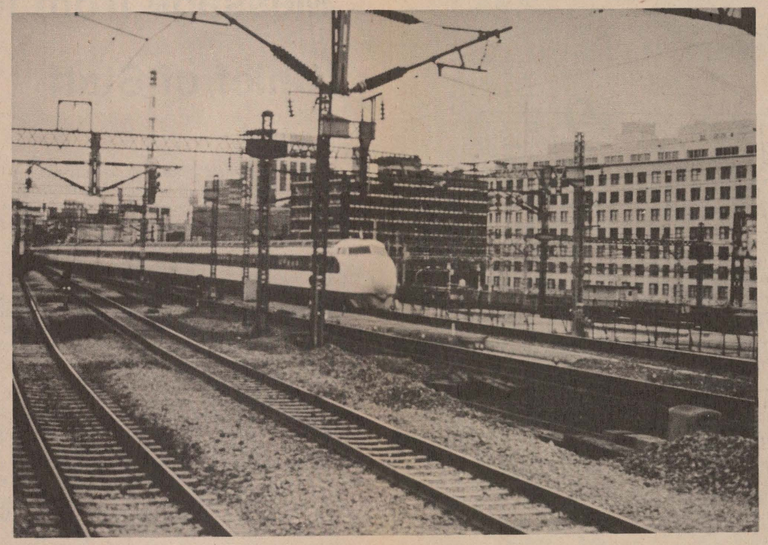
There are only a few things which you shouldn't take. One is a large automobile or one built after 1976. Quality used cars ranging in price from a few hundred to a thousand dollars in price offer dependable transportation. These can be purchased from Americans on the post who are PCSing home.

Most importantly leave at home the attitude that you're not going to like Japan, because you don't speak the language and won't be able to find your way around.

Japanese language classes are given to interested soldiers and dependents. Army Community Services offer classes on how to ride the trains and in how to get around during your tour.

So, if you're on orders, or want to be on orders for Japan, be prepared. And remember — it's just what you make it.

A typical Japanese street in the central town of Kyoto, Japan's former capital city.



The "Bullet Train" offers efficient travel throughout Japan.

Japanese and American women clad in Yukata form a human ring around the Bon Odori dance platform during Camp Zama's annual festival.

Mount Fuji offers both inspiration and a challenge to visitors. The trails to the volcano's crown are open for climbing July - October.

Story and photos by Tom Tiernan

The snow covered roofs of homes and a pagoda in Kyoto, where snow is frequent in the winter.

Fleming: He's busy monkeying around

by Don Terry

Monkeying around is all Sp5 Richard Fleming does, just monkeys around. For more than two years Fleming has been working with Rhesus Monkeys and other animals (what do you call it when he works with a mouse?) at LAIR (Letterman Army Institute of Research).

Fleming, a Biological Sciences Assistant, has been doing research in the Department of Nutrition. "I can't think of any place in the civilian world where I could have obtained the experience that I have gained here at LAIR," said Fleming.

After graduating from high school in 1972 in Memphis, Tenn., Fleming attended college at Middle Tennessee State Universitv where he majored in Biology with an emphasis in zoology. He also worked on an Environmental Protection Agency Research Project for one year under a grant, which enabled him to gain much needed experience.

Fleming gained a lot of experience in his field by working as a temporary Research Technician during the summer of 1973 for Plough Incorporated. He also spent six months after graduating from college in 1976 and prior to entering the Army, working as a chemical compounder which involved the formulation of pharmaceutical products for a drug company.

"Between the BS degree in biology and the experience that I gained working while in college I was able to enter the Army under the Stripes for Skills Program," said Fleming. "I came in the Army as a PFC and was promoted to Spec 5 after two months of active dutv."

After completing basic training at Fort Knox, Fleming was sent directly to LAIR and awarded the Biological Sciences Assistant MOS. "Fleming is really an outstanding assistant and I feel really lucky to have him as my assistant," said Capt. Dave Turnbull, Biochemist. LAIR.

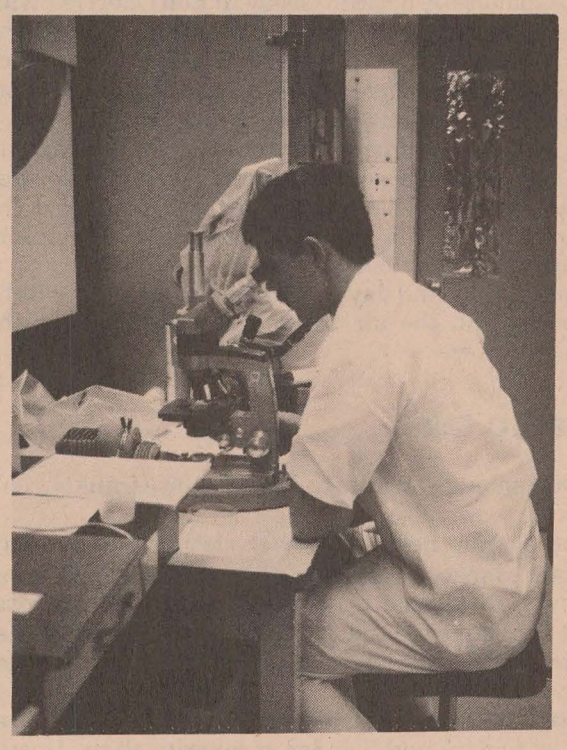
"I really enjoy my work and look forward to going to work each day," remarked Fleming; "everyday there is something different."

Currently, Fleming is working on a study of vitamin C metabolismusing Rhesus monkeys which helps determine how vitamin C is used in man. "Sub-human primates like the Rhesus monkey are used because their bodies don't produce vitamin C," Fleming commented; "this allows us to study the affect that vitamin C or the lack of vitamin C has on man.

Another study being conducted is to determine the nutritional requirement of nerve cells. This is done by using neuroplastoma cells of mice which is a common model for neurological cell research.

"The Army has the finest equipment available for research and has provided me with the experience that I could not have gained anywhere else" said Fleming. "I have learned a great deal here and makes me want to learn more but it also makes me realize how much I don't know."

Fleming is a health enthusiast and enjoys running four to ten miles a day as well as doing 100 push ups and 40 chin ups a week. He also played football in college and was on the weight lifting team.



Crime Scene

Don't let the old Con game get you

by Don Delver

Sp4 Hawley Smoot dusted off his best bottle of rare cheap wine as he prepared for the upcoming celebration. His eyes shone in anticipation with just a hint of greed, as he ghought of the small fortune waiting in his safety deposit box.

"What fools those two had been, trusting him with that envelope. Did they really think he would take care of their money for them? The idiots didn't even know his real name, and he had been clever enough to make himself almost untraceable," he thought to himself.

Soon he was hurrying to the bank where the large envelope stuffed with tens and twenty dollar bills lay waiting for him. His joy knew no bounds when the clerk escorted him into the vault and helped him remove his paper treasure chest. Unable to wait any longer, Smoot tore the envelope open and pulled out the ...NEWSPAPERS!

"My God, what had happened to the money?" Smoot's mind went around and around, unable at first to grasp the awful fact that he had been swindled by the people he had tried to cheat.

It seemed like it would be so easy. They had found some money, probably stolen, and were trying to decide what to do with it when he came along. They had finally agreed to let him hold the money for them until any claims against it were settled. So he gave them a few hundred dollars in "good faith" money to show them he would not be tempted to steal it. He agreed to meet them again in a few months to see if anyone had reported losing the money.

Sp4 Smoot had fallen prey to one of the oldest of the criminal fraud con games, the "Bait and Switch," or "Pigeon Drop." This basic variety involves luring an innocent person into a plan to divide some money among a group of people, each putting up some of his own money for good faith. As soon as the victim's money is safe, the envelope is switched and the victim gets a package full of newspapers or something equally worthless.

Most con games have elements in common, usually they rely on human greed and the desire to get something for nothing. Often the victim is told that the deal is secret and that he or she mustn't tell anyone else. The transactions are almost always carried out in cash with the stipulation of no checks, no money orders clause.

These elements should tip off potential victims that something is fishy, and many people do back out at this stage. Unfortunately (fortunately for the crooks) enough people are taken in by these get-rich-quick schemes that make fraud quite profitable.

"But I'm not likely to be taken in by that kind of crook," you say. You may be right, but con men have many devious ways of getting you to part with your hard earned dollars.

The most common con in the Presidio area is the chain letter. The standard format is the glittering reference to the riches that can be made for a comparatively small investment, followed by a set of instructions to send a given amount to the person whose name appears at the top of the list.

The victim is supposed to cross his name off, make several copies of the letter and add his or her name to the bottom of the list, forwarding these copies to friends. In a given period of time, money is supposed to come to the victim, and of course it never does. Some letters even promise misfortune to the one foolish enough to break the chain.

Another variety of the scam is the pyramid fraud. The setting is sually a large room in a hotel or auditorium where a few fast talking salesmen give the invited guest a glowing pitch about the riches which await them for becoming a part of of their organization. This is sometimes a product or service connected with the scheme, like make-up or insurance, but that is not necessary.

The object of the pitch is to get you to buy into the group, for a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. This initial investment gives them the right to solicit others to join the group and to take a percentage of their investment as a commission. The money is in addition to that made from selling the product or service.

The unfortunate fact discovered by those who are talked into investing is that such a pyramid quickly collapses, leaving the investors with nothing more than a garage full of stale make-up or worthless insurance. The only people to profit from such schemes are generally the founders who use part of the money coming in from new investors to pay dividends to older investors, thus keeping the pyramid process going long enough to rake a considerable profit.

Another common fraud involves merchandise being offered at ridiculously low prices. A victim will be appraoched and asked if he would like to buy a new color TV for $50. If the victim agrees, arrangements will be made for the exchange of money and for the merchandise to be picked up.

In some cases, the victim is told to give the supplier the money in advance and to pick up his merchandise, probably stolen, at a later date. If the buyer suspects, usually correctly, that the supplier will not show up, he may be given the merchandise on the spot. The fresh looking carton which may have a certain brand name on the outside will almost always contain something other than a new television. But by this time the fast talking salesman is gone and so is the money.

There are thousands of other varieties of criminal fraud. Most have elements in common which, if you watch for them will tip you off. Most appeal to greed and offer get-rich-quick schemes or something for nothing pitches. Most involve cash only and have a air of secrecy or urgency. Above all, there are the fast talking con men themselves who always have an answer for every objection. If you spot one or more of these elements in a deal, you are considering, back away quickly, and inform the police.

Presidio Sports

Softball

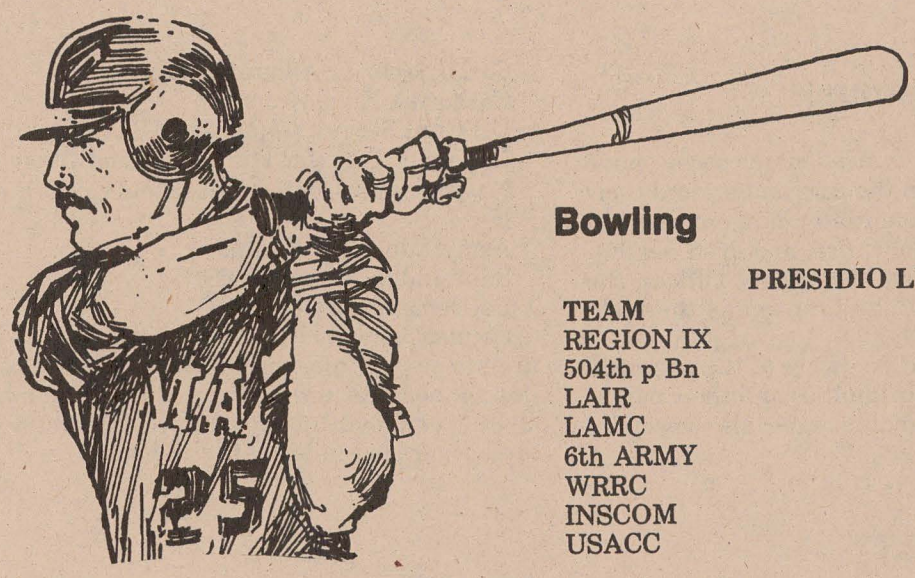
PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
Garrison	13	3
504th MP Bn	12	3
LAMC #1	11	5
Dept of Medicine	10	6
LAIR #1	8	8
REGION IX	7	9
864th ngrs	7	8
USACC	6	10
170th p Co	5	11

FT. SCOTT LEAGUE

666th ADAR	13	2
FBI	13	2
PX - Main Store	12	2
US Attorneys	9	7
51st Engrs	8	6
X - Service Station	7	9
PHS	6	8
LAMC #2	5	11
DIO	3	4
Pathogens	3	4
LAIR #2	0	16

GAME RESULTS
504th MP Bn - 22, USACC - 1
USAG - 11, LAIR #1 - 0
REGION IX - 15, 170th MP - 1
Dept of Medicine - 7, 864th Engrs - 5
504th MP Bn - 8, LAMC #1 - 5
Dept of Medicine - 7, REGION IX - 1
USAG - 15, 864th Engrs - 13
LAC #2 - 15, PX Service Station - 2
PX - Main Store - 11, Attorneys - 3
FBI - 16, LAIR #2 - 6
666th RADAR - 7, DIO - 2



Golf

The current point standings after the third quarter are as follows:

LAIR	175
LAMC	151
6th ARMY	135½
USAG	124
ARRIX	100½
USACC	87½
INSCOME	78½
WRRC	78
DENTAL	76
864th ENGRS	72
170th MP Co.	69
51st ENGRS	69
504th MP Bn	49
USPHS	43½
16th AG	38½
163rd MP Co.	35
O.A.B.	26
87th ORD	24
6th ARMY BAND	20
CORPS OF ENGRS	13
USACIDC	10
AFEES	5

Bowling

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
REGION IX	11	5
504th p Bn	10½	5½
LAIR	9½	6½
LAMC	9	7
6th ARMY	8	8
WRRC	7	9
INSCOM	5	11
USACC	4	12

FT SCOTT LEAGUE

LAIR	11	1
INSCOM	7	1
87th Ord	8	4
USAG	5	7
16th AG	5	7
LAMC	4	8

Fun Run News

Coming back, Jim Moore (LAIR), made it two wins in a row over good competition in the monthly fun run race. He maintained a strong pace for the flat four mile course and finish in 22:01 (5:30 a mile avg.). All runners encountered a strong head wind in the first 1½ miles along this popular shoreline route to Ft. oint and back.

Leading the women's divsion was newcomer Patsy Shackleyton (LAMC) in a great time of 27:09 (6:49 a mile avg.). Mark your calendar on July 18 and join us at Noon at Post Gym #1 (Bldg. 63) for the next fun run race. All runners on Post (fast or slow) are invited to test themselves, meet fellow runners and have fun.

Phone courtesy not a waste of time

by Ted Elisee

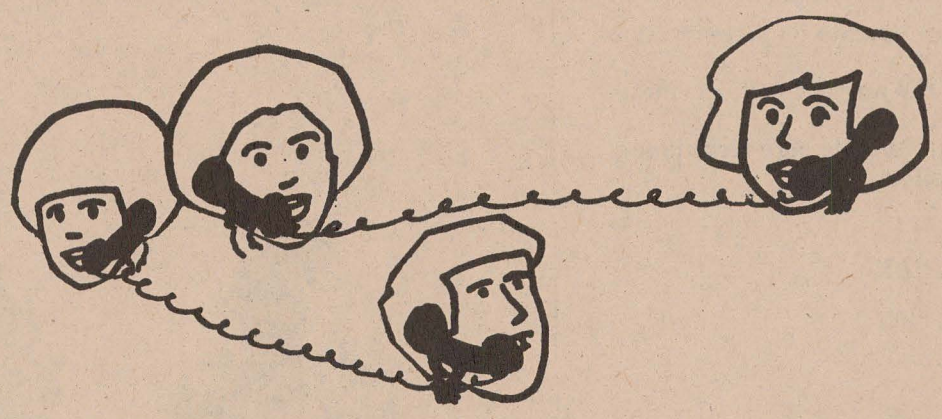
The young soldier is typing away at his desk. As usual, he has a short suspense to meet and the clock is ticking at what seems to be high gear.

The phone rings and he has to stop erything to answer it — "Admin Division, Specialist Restor, can I help you?" says the harried green suiter. Clik! The person on the other end just hung up and there is nothing but silence on the receiver. Reston, shrugs his shoulders, and returns to his typewriter.

After a few pages of type are turned out the phone rings again. "Admin Division, Specialist Restor, can I help you?" Click! There is silence on the other end again. Restor is a little annoyed this time. The unexplained attitude on the other end is getting to him. He returns to his typing, but the rudeness of the clicker is bothering him. His concentration is hindered now. How can one person be so rude? he thinks to himself.

Ring! Ring! The phone rings menancingly again and Restor curtly greets his caller with the usual jargon. Unfortunately, this time the caller says, "This is Lt. Fall, is Capt. Burgess there?" Restor turns red, because of the tone of voice he had just used on the Lt. He tells the Captain about the caller and returns to his work.

Ring! Ring! There goes the phone again. Very pleasantly he goes through his speil. This time the caller says, "Yeah, is John there?' Poor Restor is in a dilemma. There are two Johns in the office, plus Restor realizes the caller did not identify himself. Says Restor, "Excuse me ma'am, but may I ask who's calling?" "Yeah, it's Mary," is the response. What does Restor do now? There are two John's and one Mary to deal with. After establishing which John, Mary wanted, Restor was agitated even more and started to make mistakes on the typewriter. What is



the matter with these people? he thought to himself. Then, the instrument jingled off the hook. The soldier shook his head and answered again. "This isn't the dental clinic?" asked the caller. "No, it's not," replied Restor. "Well, this is the number they gave me," said th caller. I'm sorry, this id not the dental clinic," Restor

repeated. he caller was indignant. Well, what's the number then?" the caller shouted. With great patience, Restor flipped through his Post Directory (available all over the Presidio) to find the mystery number to the dental clinic. He got back to the caller and provided the number. With the gall of the sponge that Jesus sipped on, the caller said, "Can you give me an alternate?"

By this time Specialist Restor was losing his cool. The suspense was now way past due and the staff section would be calling looking for his input. He just ripped out his paper from the typewriter and put his head down. Why all this grief? he thought. Can't mature adults realize the importance of telephone courtesy?

Telephone courtesy is extremely important. Without telephone courtesy, the ding-a-linging instrument becomes a roaring monster, that so many individuals want to ignore. Perhaps you are one of those people who just don't realize what you are doing to others with your lack of telephone etiquette. Try the following and see if your day doesn't go easier because your manners have made the other person happy to deal with you:

a) Always identify yourself when calling.

b) Always ask for the person you are calling with a clear voice. (Don't mumble.)

c) Ask for the person by identifying them with a last name.

d) When answering the phone identify your activity and yourself (pleasantly please).

e) If your number is the incorrect one, say so with an apology - don't just hang up!

f) Realize that if you have the wrong number that there is a directory - use it! Don't expect the person who answered the phone to be an information operator.

g) Be pleasant. Be prompt. Be courteous. Everyone wants to have a pleasant day.

A little telphone etiquette will go a long, long way.

News notes

Gasoline is Dangerous!

Due to the recent gas crunch, many people have started to store gasoline in the cars and around their homes. This presents a potentially dangerous situation that can result in injury, fire, and even death.

According to David Hart, PSF Safety Officer, the explosion of one gallon of gasoline equals the blast from six sticks of TNT.

Everyone on post should be aware of the potential danger to themselves, their families and their neighbors when they store flammable materials, especially gasoline, near their quarters.

OWC Welcome Coffee

Each month the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club sponsors a welcome coffee for all newcomers. This month's event will be held July 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the OWC Activity Center, Building T639, near the post exchange. If you have a new neighbor, or know of someone interested in attending, let them know about the coffees. For more information call 561-4134.

More on Nursery rates

Last week the Star Presidian reported the need to increase the cost of child care at the Presidio Nursery.

The increase was necessary but a regrettable one. According to Mr. Smart, Personnel Services Officer, DPCA, "The raise is a regrettable one, but high costs of labor and operation of the nursery made it necessary."

The last raise in rates at the nursery occurred in December, 1976. The operation has resulted in a loss of over 2500 dollars in the last three months. As in so many situations in the past, a study was conducted of similar child care services provided in the surrounding civilian community. The Presidio Nursery rates are still a considerable reduction compared to the civilian community. The average rate for one child is $158.00 per month (civilian community), with a rate increase to an average of $180.00 in September. The Presidio Nursery however, will charge $120.00 for one child if the parent is an E-1 to E-4 and $140.00 for one child for all others.

The increased cost has also been brought on with a few other changes:

a) The nursery will now operate on a reservation system.

b) A reorganization of the nursery will accommodate more children.

c) General improvement in child care techniques.

The new rates are as follows:

HOURLY

E1 - E4
$ .85 - 1 child
$1.40 - 2 children
$1.95 - 3 children
All Others
$1.00 - 1 child
$1.65 - 2 children
$2.30 - 3 children

MONTHLY

E1 - E4
$120 - 1 child
$200 - 2 children
$280 - 3 children
All Others
$140 - 1 child
$235 - 2 children
$330 - 3 children

Pre-retirement Counseling

Pre-retirement counseling service will be available for all military personnel contemplating retirement during the period July 31, 1979 through January 31, 1980 on July 26 at the post theater. Representatives from the following services will be on hand for individual and small group counseling:

Social Security Administration
California Employment
US Civil Service Commission
US Army Transfer Point, Oakland Army Base
Naval Supply Center, Household Goods Sub-Office, PSF
Army Education Center
Staff Judge Advocate, PSF
Retirement Services, PSF

Counselors will be available between 8:30 a.m. and noon to supply information and publications pertaining to benefits due retired service members and civilian employment opportunities. Military sponsors are encouraged to bring their spouses.

Rec Center news

SCUBA EXHIBIT: At the Recreation Center on Wed. night July 25 from 6-8 p.m. all military and civilian DOD are welcome to participate. Let us transport you into the primative world of underwater beauty, and fascination. The presentation will be directed by Ron Orr a certified NAUI instructor.

MARRIOTT'S TICKETS are now back on sale at the Recreation Center for the price of $7.75 per person. Adults and children are the same price with these tickets. This is a $2.00 savings off the regular adult

LIVE ROCK BAND will be at the Recreation Center in two weeks. On Sat. night July 21 at 8:30 p.m. "ROCK AND RYE" will perform for your listening pleasure. Featuring the talents of lead vocalist Lee Ann Christopherson, the band combines their own vocal blends with soaring instrumentations on popular songs from groups like: Fleetwood Mac, Rolling Stones, Lynard Skynard .... So mark your social calendar, and be sure and come up and boogie with us.

BASEBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW: Last call for Yankess Fans. Yankees vs A's Sunday July 8 at Oakland. We have Home Plate BOX seats for only $5.00. Giants vs Mets (half price tickets) Tues. night July 24 at 7:35 p.m. The Recreation Center will provide free bus transportation to and from Candlestick Park. Box seats are only $2.50 each. Sign up early.

Santa Cruz Tour: You may register for this tour for Sunday July 29 at 9 a.m. A $2.00 returnable deposit will retain your seat on the bus.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS: Due to the great success of the first class, a new class will begin on Sat. July 28 at 11 a.m. Space is quite limited so come up and register early. The total cost will be $20.00 for five lessons.

SANTA CRUZ TOUR: You may register for this tour for Sunday July 29 at 9 a.m. A $2.00 returnable deposit will retain your seat on the bus.

HQ Co training

Members of Headquarters **Company USAG participated in annual training last week to familiarize themselves with the M16 rifle and the protective mask. The training was conducted at Mare Island. (Photos by Don Terry.)**

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Fuel and strike affect PCS moves

The fuel shortage and the truckers' strike are having severe affects upon the movement of soldiers and their household goods to their new duty stations.

To relieve the situation, Department of the Army has announced a number of steps to be taken by soldiers and their present duty stations.

Installation commanders now have the authority to grant 30 day PCS deferments for officers and enlisted soldiers who have DA directed reporting dates during July, August, or September.

This deferment authority applies to overseas moves as well as CONUS to CONUS moves, but is only for accompanied personnel.

Deferments will be used to allow for shipment of household goods and personal property or to avoid personal hardship.

Soldiers delayed for this reason who would have less than 12 months remaining in service upon arrival in an overseas command will still be required to comply with original assignment instructions with an adjusted arrival month.

If a soldier has already received a reply from an overseas command for dependent travel, the reply will remain valid.

DA transportation officials, meantime, are encouraging alternate means of movement of household goods.

With over 3,000 Army household goods shipments delayed and no immediate prospect for relief, the officials are turning to alternate means. Some of these are longer range ouse of military trucks, increased use of rail transportation, storage at origin

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Briefly

Winton on way to USSR

(Presidio) — Second Lieutenant Gary Winton of the Sixth Army Provost Marshal's Office has departed for Purdue University where he will be in training as a member of the US National Men's Basketball team which will compete against the Soviet Union in Moscow July 23 through August 4.

Babies and MAC

The Military Airlift Command (MAC) has announced that infants over two years of age can no longer travel free in the lap of an accompanying adult sponsor on MAC flights due to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) restriction.

In May, MAC implemented procedures to permit infants (less than two years of age at the start of the trip) to travel in-lap at no charge in an effort to relieve some of the financial burden on those service members not entitled to government transportation of dependents. But because of the FAA restriction, MAC was forced to change this service.

The restriction, which applies to both commercial and military aircraft, prohibits in-lap return travel of those infants who reach the age of two before the return trip.

In addition, because of cube and weight limits of MAC aircraft, a baggage allowance cannot be provided for no charge in-lap infants according to MAC.

This change does not affect space available procedures or charges. Infants will continue to require seat allocations and payment of the $10 space available charge, according to MAC. (ARNEWS)

SMA assumes office

(Washington) — Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) William A. Connelly officially assumed his new duties during swearing-in ceremonies conducted at the Pentagon on July 2.

The SMA came to Washington after a two-year tour as FORSCOM's Command Sergeant Major. He replaces SMA William G. Bainbridge who has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home. (ARNEWS)

POW-MIAs remembered

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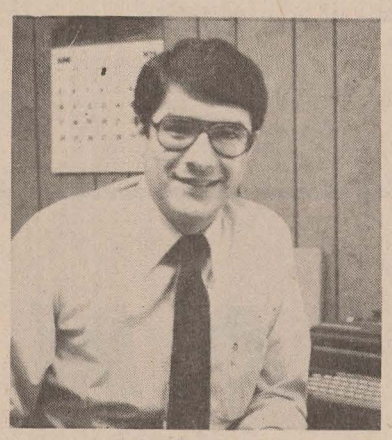
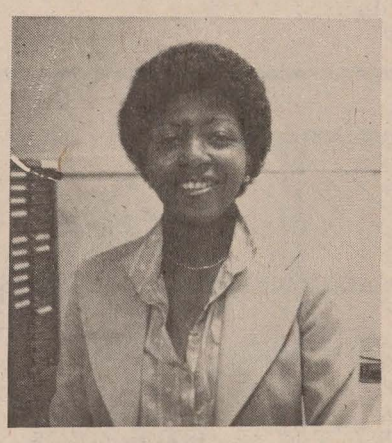
Ramblin' Sam

If you were the President, what would you do to ease the gas shortage?



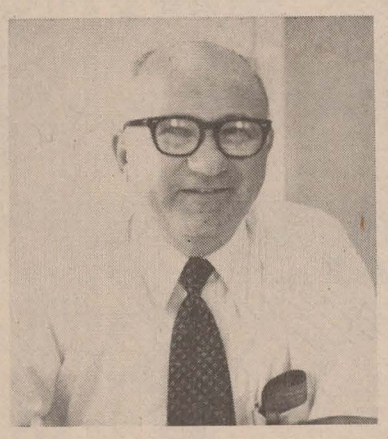
Sp5 Hector Figueroa - Senior Personnel Actions COMPACT — "I would initiate a bill that would allow the government to take over the oil industry and use all the revenue collected to ease the tax burden on the public and to eliminate the middle man."



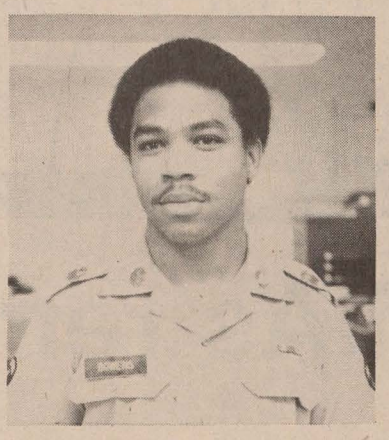
Mrs. Patricia Webb - Civilian Personnel Office — "I would start a full scale investigation as to why the oil companies claim that there is a gas shortage because I don't believe that there is one."

Major Marvin Green, Jr. - DPTSEC — "I would take a close look at increasing the mass transit system and encourage people to use it instead of their private vehicles at the same time exploiting other energy forms."

MSG Douglas Grapes - COMPACT SGM — "I would cut out some of the oil exports and start using agriculture as an economic leverage."



Mr. Harlan Fiser - DIO — "I would push for a more efficient mass transit system even if it had to be federally or publically funded to where it would be more economical for people to use it instead of their own private vehicles."



Sp5 Robert Bowens - Personnel Records Specialist — "I would raise the price of gas to a certain amount and leave it at that."

Troop Talk

by Ted Elisee

Welcome to Troop Talk! The summer months are here. The weather has been pretty good and I've noticed a lot of kids are running around. Why not slow down and make sure you have your car under control. It's so easy to miss a child running between cars.

USAG is bustling as usual. Our stringer reported the promos of Steven Sandbothe, Darrell Ewing, Margie Inscor, Richard Davis, William Womack, Guthrie Billingsby to the rank of Specialist Four. Congratulations! Sfc William Hetzer, the former Training NCO for the company has gone to Germany. Bill will be taking the Club Management Course at Ft. Ben Harrison, Indiana before he settles down with a club supervisory position in Germany. Also PCSing from USAG is Sp4 Dwayne Green. The unit wishes both of these soldiers well.

Six Region CIDC welcomes their new commander - Colonel Romano J. Parini who assumed command this past week. They bid farewell to Sp5 Kelvin MacDonald who went to school in Indiana and then will go to Germany. Congratulations are passed on to William Ramald who was promoted to CW3.

HHD, 50th MP Bn welcomed Pfc Paul Gibson this week who arrived from New Jersey. Paul got here on a stateside swap. It seems to me that there must be something to the swap program if this was accomplished! Promos were handed out to Mark Sargent and Barney Olin who made Sp4. Barney also PCSed to Panama. Daniel McGinley was promoted to MSG and Vernon Sylvester and Douglas Ulrich made 1st Lieutenant. The detachment sends its congrats to all of you. Best wishes for a quick recovery goes out to SSG Rey Santos and 1st Lt. Wayne Emard.

51st Engineers welcomes the arrival of PV2 Earl Deryke from Germany. Four promotions were reported - Steve Garwood, Beth McAlevy and Will Harrison to Sp4. Also, Lorne Chisolm to PFC. Best wishes in your new capacity!

USACC has a new commander also. With the retirement of Lt. Col. Henry Harvey, Lt. Col. Charles Gorlinski took over the reins. Best wishes go out to Lt. Col. Harvey on his retirement, and also to Mr. Hing Yee of the Telephone Communications Center who also retired.

That about wraps it up for this week's column. Don't hesitate to call with any info you'd like mentioning in this spot.

Action Line

Question: What can be done about the playground behind 1553 Pershing Drive? I have requested three times to have sand poured under the swings. The sand has eroded and has left exposed cement. If a child falls they will hit the cement blocks instead of sand.

Answer: As soon as this sand replacement in playground can practically be scheduled, it will be done. (Editor's Note: This action was completed in June.)

DON F. SVENDSEN
LTC, CE
Facilities Engineer

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You can vote wherever you are

You say you didn't vote in the last federal election because you didn't want to go through the hassle of applying for an absentee ballot?

Well, a public law passed in November 1978 will make it easier for all of us U.S. citizens overseas and servicemembers everywhere to register and vote in future federal elections.

According to Federal Voting Assistance Program Director Henry Valentino, the new law simplifies the process for military people and their dependents who want to vote by absentee ballot.

The new law will:

Allow persons, covered by the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 and the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 to vote by absentee ballot in federal elections and not necessarily be subject to state or local taxes when overseas.

Include U.S. citizens without passports or state department identity cards, but possessing other acceptable forms of identification. This section will help the more than half million Americans residing in Mexico and Canada where passports or state department identity cards are not required.

Encourage states to provide absentee voting material to servicemembers and their dependents.

Require the creation of a standardized post card to serve as an application for registration as well as a request for a ballot.

Many citizens living abroad did not exercise their right to vote during the 1978 federal election. They were afraid they'd be subject to some form of tax liability, according to a survey conducted after the election. The new law separates the right to vote absentee in federal elections from tax status.

Although the law protects the rights of citizens overseas to register and vote in federal elections without state or local tax liability, according to Valentino, it does not provide immunity if persons vote in local or state elections. Many states, however, have extended tax immunity to their elections also.

To reduce problems in current registration procedures and mailing time for absentee ballots, the Federal Voting Assistance Program will design a new postcard application, according to the director. A survey has shown that about 17 per cent of the people who wanted to vote could not because they either received their ballots too late or did not receive them at all.

Some states honor the postcard as both a registration and ballot request for all federal elections. Other states, according to Valentino, require separate requests for the primary election, general election and, if necessary, for a run-off election.

Persons having questions about absentee voting should see their unit voting officer or seek help from the U.S. embassies and consulates overseas.

For more information about absentee voting rights, write to the Federal Voting Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301. (ARNEWS)

Military pay changes under study

A proposal to sever the direct relationship of military pay raises from those of the federal civil service is being considered at the White House for later submission to Congress.

Currently, under the Federal Pay Comparability Act, the President annually adjusts the pay of federal civil servants and military personnel at the same rate. Changing this system could mean differing rates of pay increases in Fiscal Year 1981 for the military and General Schedule (GS) civilians, according to Pentagon officials.

Although the pay adjustment for servicemembers could be more or less than that for government employees, officials believe the military rate probably will be higher since the secretaries of all the military departments have strongly recommended that military personnel should come under the higher seven percent Presidential pay cap set for the private sector rather than under the present 5.5 percent ceiling for GS federal civilians and military members. But DoD officials caution against leaping to the conclusion that the military pay raise will be seven percent in FY 1981 since there may not even be a pay cap at that time.

Defense officials explain that the President's newly-announced civil service Federal Compensation Reform changes the relationship between military and civilian pay rates because the new concept of Total Compensatio Comparability (TCC) for federal civilians is a system that stretches over the years and has catch-up provisions. Conversely, military compensation rates require only an annual adjustment.

Officials also point out that military and civilian pay will always be difficult to compare in view of the service-members' long duty hours, the armed forces system of discipline, and the hazards inherent in military service. (AFPS)

Airborne all the way

Are you highly motivated, well-disciplined, willing and able to undergo difficult training? Are you looking for excitement, adventure and prestige?

The XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg are looking for qualified soldiers in a number of MOS in all enlisted grades, according to MILPERCEN officials.

The most significant needs are for soldiers in 13B, 13E, 16B, 17B, 17C, 17M, 36K, 63B, 76D, 76Y, 94B, 96B, 98C and 98G Specialties. All active duty enlisted soldiers may apply, and Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers may apply while on active duty.

Applicants for airborne training must have at least 18 months time left in the service at the time of assignment to an airborne unit after completing training, and meet the basic medical, physical and mental prerequisites.

Additionally, applicants must be able to pass the airborne physical and an advanced physical fitness test consisting of a 40 meter inverted crawl, sit-ups, horizontal ladder, run-dodge-jump and a two-mile run. Soldiers in the grades E-5 and above must be eligible for a confidential clearance.

Prospective applicants should submit a personnel action request on DA Form 4187, a volunteer statement and copies of their enlisted qualification records (DA Forms 2 and 2-1). If necessary, they should include a statement of intent to reenlist or extend their enlistment to meet the required retainability of 18 months after assignment to an airborne unit.

Soldiers interested in becoming paratroopers should consult their unit or installation training officers for assistance in submitting applications. They may also write for additional information to the Adjutant General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 28307.

Sec. of Army here Monday

Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. will visit the Presidio Monday as part of a trip to the west coast.

During his visit to the post, Secretary Alexander will address a joint Officer-NCO Call at 10:15 in the post theater for all soldiers in grades E-6 and up, hold a press conference and address a noon luncheon of the Association of the United States Army, the World Council, and the National Defense Study Group of the Commonwealth Club.

The subject of Secretary Alexander's remarks will be "The U.S. Army-Current Prospectives." His address will cover such areas as morale and discipline, manpower problems, the quality of today's soldiers, women soldiers, the status of Army troops in Korea, the draft, and the Panama Canal treaty.

During his visit to the west coast the Secretary of the Army will also visit Ft. Lewis, Washington and Letterman Army Medical Center.

Secretary of the Army **Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.**

Post Soldier of the Year

Specialist Five **Harriet Jones**

Sp5 Harriet Jones of the 504th MP Bn. has been selected the Presidio Soldier of the Year.

Jones was a surprised and happy soldier because of her selection. Said Jones, "I had really prepared for this board and felt confident I was ready, but even when the announcement was made, I was surprised." Harriet related that she spent much of her time reading manuals, listening to tapes from the learning lab, and reading pamphlets at the Ed Center, boning herself up for the questions to be asked by the board.

The board, composed of three sergeant majors and an Sfc asked her questions about current affairs, basic common tasks, the M-16, NBC, Leadership, D&C, and the UCMJ. When asked what she found most difficult to answer, Harriet responded, "Any question that required personal input and personal opinion. I was prepared to give information on what I studied, but the personal type questions required quick throught and poise."

Specialist Jones will be awarded the Army Commendation Medal and a one thousand dollar savings bond. First Runner-up in the competition was Sp5 Allison Jones of LAIR.

'. . . a day dedicated to Prisoners of War and those still missing'

They're not forgotten

by Tom Tiernan

Air Force Major Kurt McDonald taxied his aircraft down the runway at the Da Nang airbase. At 8:15 a.m., December 31, 1964 the plane took off on a mission to drop mail and supplies to units near the Laos border. Along on the trip was an Army sergeant carrying important documents.

Neither man was ever seen again. Both have been reported missing-in-action ever since.

For the past 15 years, Kurt's parents have been waiting for word as to what happened to their son.

A son

For Craig and "Mickie" McDonald (a retired Army LTC) there isn't much hope that their son is alive, but pain and anguish could be relieved if they could have their son home, either dead or alive.

While the McDonalds' attitude may seem cold or heartless, it is one shared by many families of the 2,460 other unaccounted-for men from the Vietnam conflict. It is perhaps shared by the families of the 89,000 soldiers unaccounted for in World Wars I and II and Korea.

Husband and father

The effects of the years of wondering what has happened to a family member takes its toll on adults and children alike.

For Joyce DeSoto the past ten years have had both visible and unseen effects on herself and her three children.

Major Ernest DeSoto and Joyce were married 12 years and had three children ages 2, 8 and 11, when his Air Force plane was shot down in April 1969. He was reported missing-in-action.

For the next five years, Joyce tried to keep Ernest alive in spirit. Keeping alive the hope that one day he would come home alive.

The release of the Prisoners of War in 1974 gave the DeSoto family renewed hope that Ernest would come home; as the last of the POWs stepped from the plane, hope began to fade.

For the following two years, the family still felt there was a chance that their father was alive. One day Joyce began telling the children that their father was probably dead.

Two months after her husband was reported missing, Joyce took a job to keep her mind off his absence. After a while she tried working full time but it was too much, so she returned to her half day schedule.

Four years ago Joyce began going to school.

For the DeSoto's oldest son, now 21, the past ten years have caused him to hide his affection and emotions. He is careful to whom he shows his emotions. His memories of his father are perhaps the most painful of the three children.

For the DeSoto's 12 year old, she only asks, "What does a daddy do?"

The DeSoto's second son, now 18, has accepted the fact that his father will not be coming home alive and is a very open person, says his mother. His memories are limited.

The Air Force changed Major Ernest DeSoto's status from missing to killed-in-action on June 5. However, Joyce and her children won't be able to fully accept his death until his remains are brought home and laid to rest.

Joyce isn't bitter that the Air Force has listed her husband as killed. Instead she feels the Air Force has been good to her and has done everything possible to answer her questions and to help her.

"I don't believe there comes a time when you don't think that he might still be alive," says Joyce. "There's always a glimmer of hope."

In recent years the Department of Defense has changed the status of many of the men listed as missing or as POWs. The change in status doesn't really change the situation for the families says Doris Hallberg, Coordinator of the Northern California League of Families.

Mrs. Halleberg's son, Roger, was reported missing-in-action in March 1967, after the special forces group he was with was ambushed.

During the battle, the group's commander was wounded. As the executive officer assumed command and began a withdrawal, SSG Roger Hallberg remained behind with the captain and to cover the retreat. Neither man was seen again.

In 1976, Roger Hallberg was declared "presumed dead," by the Army at the request of his widow. Doris isn't bitter because she feels that it is important for her former daughter-in-law to get on with her life. "She waited nine years. Everyone has to get on with their lives."

Life has and does go on for the families of the POWs and MIAs. To help them, the League of Families was formed in 1970 by the relatives of the missing men. In addition to helping one another, the league has contacted thousands of persons including Congressmen, Senators, and Presidents in order to get information and hopefully the return of the POWs and MIAs.

"I'm not doing it just for my son," says Mrs. McDonald, who joined the group when it began, "but for all of them. If we are able to get information on just one man then we have accomplished something."

The League of Families is still working with President Carter and others, to continue the efforts to obtain information about the missing soldiers.

Whether the current efforts of the league and the government will surface new information on these men is unknown. Even if they fail, the drive to get that information will go on, states Mrs. Hallberg. "Until the last mother, father, or wife of one of these men dies, the drive will continue until the question, 'Where is he?' is finally put to rest."

July 18
POW-MIA Recognition Day

Presidio ceremony

July 18 has been proclaimed POW-MIA Recognition Day by President Carter. In so doing the President said, "I call on all Americans to join on this occasion in honoring those who made the special sacrifice of being captive in war, and their loved ones."

The President also calls upon all Americans to remember the families of those more than 92,000 men who have been lost in combat and never recovered during this century. "....The pain and bitterness of war endures for the families, relatives and friends of those whose fate is unknown. Our Nation will continue to seek answers to the questions that remain about their fate."

At the present there are 2,461 U. S. military members who were lost in combat but never recovered from the Vietnam War; 92 of these servicemen are still officially listed as missing in action or prisoners of war.

A special command retreat ceremony honoring former POWs and MIA families from the Bay Area will be held July 18 beginning at 3:45 p.m. on Pershing Square.

The observance will be a part of a series of activities planned that day by the Veterans Administration. Former POWs and MIA families from all past US wars will be recognized. The ceremony will feature a reading of President Carter's proclamation, remarks by the Sixth Army commander, and music by the U.S. Navy Band, San Francisco.

All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend this special ceremony in recognition of America's POWs and MIAs, and their families.

Commanders' messages

President

In each of America's past wars, our prisoners of war have represented a special sacrifice. On them has fallen an added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship. Their burden becomes double when there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards and international obligations.

The Congress by Joint Resolution (Public Law 95-349) designated July 18, 1979 as "National P.O.W. - M.I.A. Recognition Day."

As we now enjoy the blessings of peace, it is appropriate that all Americans, recognize the special debt owed those Americans held prisoner during war time. It is also appropriate, that we remember the unresolved casualties of war, our soldiers who are missing. The pain and bitterness of war endures for the families, relatives and friends of those whose fate is unknown. Our nation will continue to seek answers to the questions that remain about their fate.

Now, therefore, I, Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Wednesday, July 18, 1979, as National P.O.W. - M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated both to all former American Prisoners of War, as well as those still missing and to their families. I call on all Americans to join on this occasion in honoring those who made the special sacrifice of being captive in war, and their loved ones.

And I call on state and local officials, and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred Seventy-nine, and the Independence of the United States of America, the Two Hundred and Third.

Jimmy Carter

Commander 6th Army

We, as Americans living in peace and comfort, and with the abundance of life's blessings, sometimes forget that many men died or suffered great privation, loneliness, and inhumane treatment in foreign prisoner of war camps so that the peace and good life we enjoy might continue. It is humbling for us to periodically inventory our recent past so that we might remember those to whom we owe so much.

As Commander of Sixth United States Army, I ask you to join with me in reflecting on the great contributions made by our soldiers, many of whom were POWs, died in POW camps or were listed as missing in action. There is a catalog of bravery and sacrifice of people who served which must never be overlooked.

Today, we remember those who have given their lives and those who have been lost in battle. Our thoughts and compassion are extended to the families of those men — families who have experienced the great sorrow of separation, loss and uncertainty that continues in their hearts and will never heal. We publicly recognize them today, and silently remember them whenever our thoughts turn to democracy, freedom and the life we live without oppression.

Eugene P. Forrester
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

PSF Commander

As Post Commander, I ask every member of the Presidio community to join with me in recognizing those Americans who, in service to their country, were prisoners-of-war or missing-in-action. This is a time to commemorate the selflessness and sacrifice they made to attain, and preserve, our freedom as a nation and as a people.

Nearly a quarter million POW-MIA's have been recorded in this century. To them we say, "We have not forgotten." We have not forgotten what you have given of yourselves in your country's name, and your dedication to maintain the honor and survival of this nation and the ideals for which it stands.

We have not forgotten the families of POW-MIA's and the burden they have had to bear. We share your anguish of uncertainty and pain of separation. Every American lost in service is a personal loss, for they are torn from the family that is our nation- our one people. Those of us who are enjoying the freedom you have so sacrificed to sustain, thank you We will always remember you and cherish your spirit.

John D. Hamilton
Colonel, Armor
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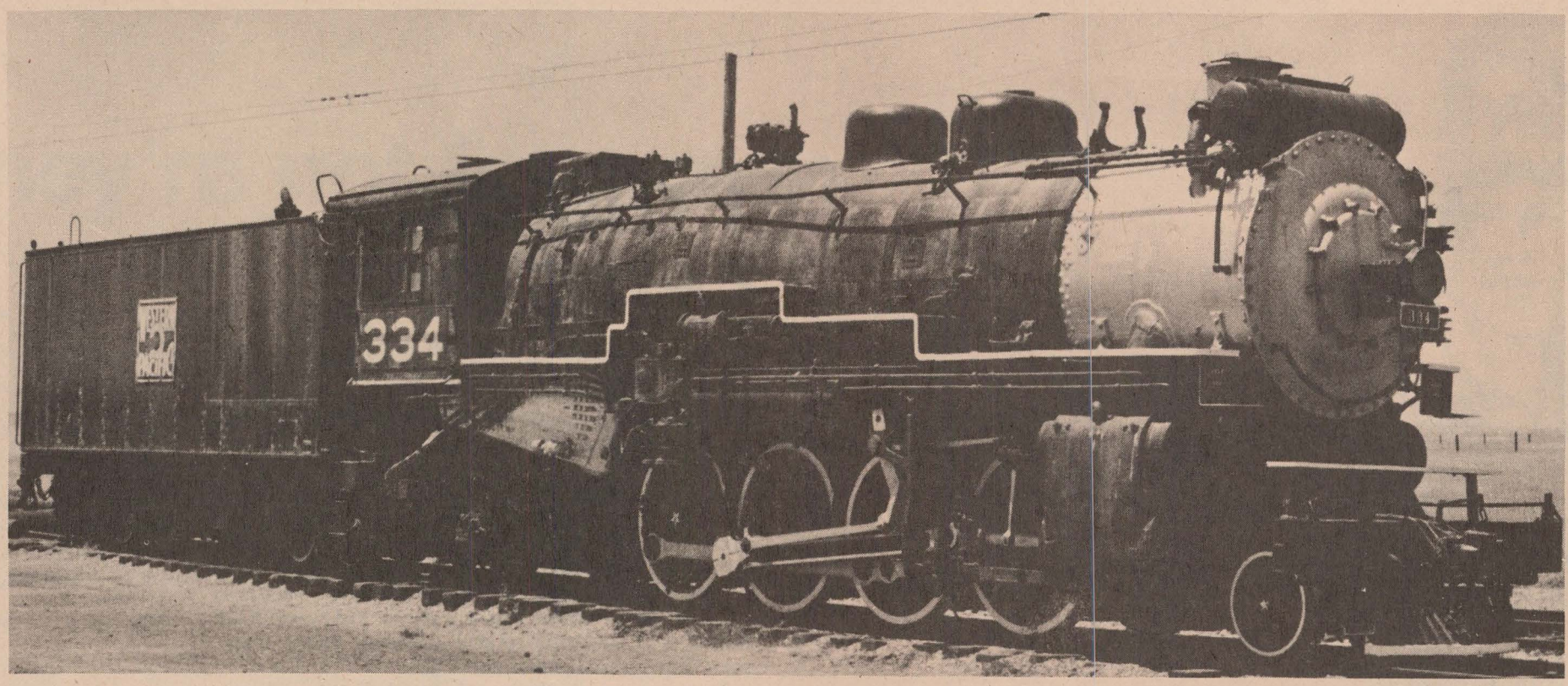
A look at the California RR Museum



This 2-8-2 Western **Pacific steamer rest on a siding adjacent to the parking area.**

photos by Ken Juber

Just north of San Francisco between the wine country and the Delta, you can spend a lazy summer afternoon having a picnic among some of America's best loved and most famous trains.

The California Railway Museum not only offers displays and exhibits of some of the old trains, street cars, and trolleys, but also a large picnic ground complete with tables and benches.

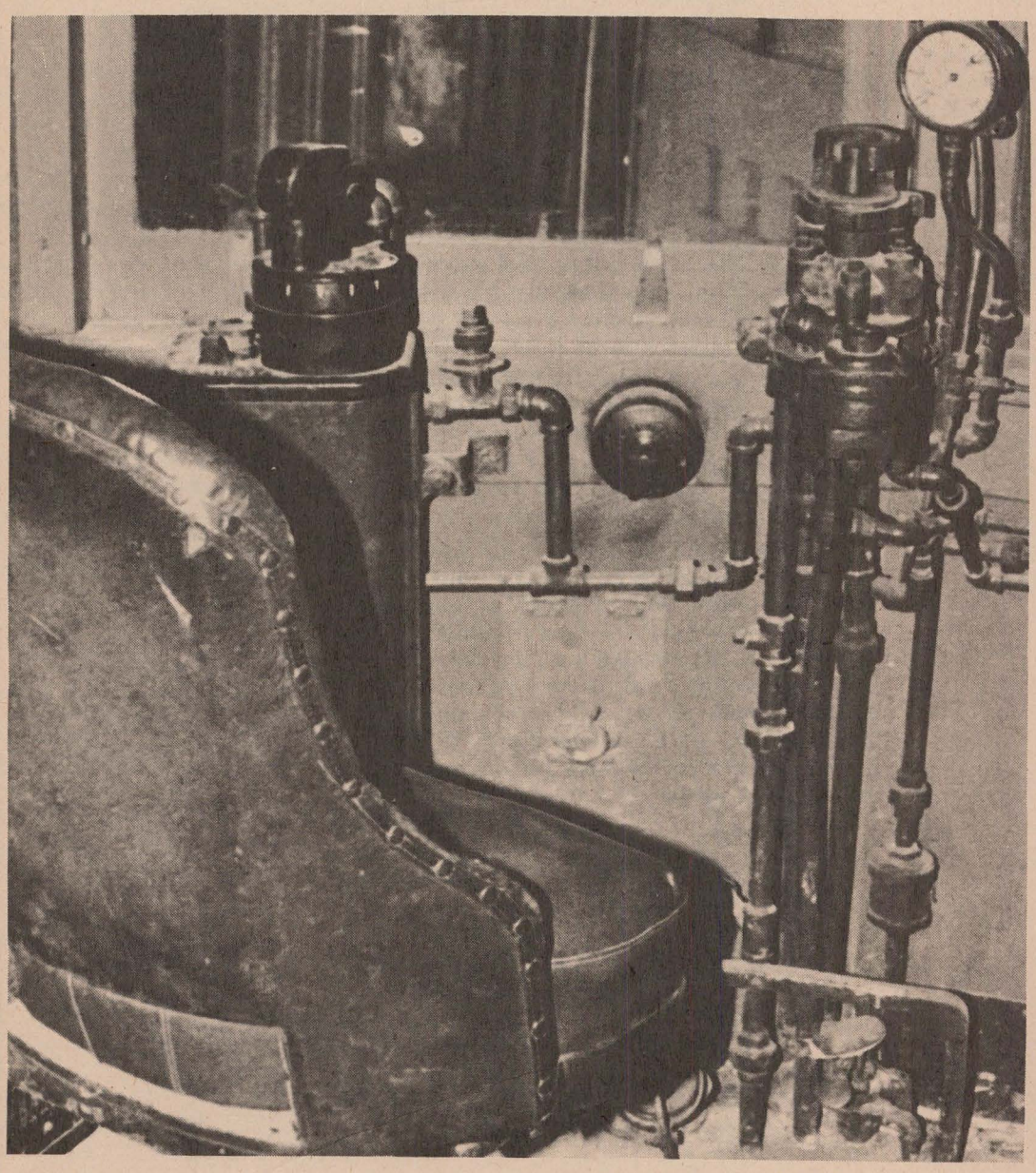
Open every day during the summer till 10 a.m. (noon on weekends) till 5 p.m., the museum is a land of enchantment for train lovers. As you walk through the museum, you'll discover a mix of railroad equipment never before assembled. This close grouping lets you see the cars with a fresh eye. The personalities of the trains become more evident during this close examination. Some of them sag in old age while others are shiny with fresh paint.

You'll see a San Francisco street car from the Gay Nineties, a New York elevated train that served in California and a Pullman train from the 1930s.

A special treat for young and old alike is a ride on one of the museum's many trains.

For collectors there's a store with a wide collection of books, magazines, and other collectibles for sale.

Bring the family for a lazy afternoon in the country. Just follow 101 north to State route 37 across to Interstate 80 and then through Fairfield on route 12.



The drivers seat **of an inter-city railway car.**

This car carries **a reminder of a line no longer used.**

Presidio Sports

Golf

Presidio's Post Golf Team will venture forth to the Western Regional FORSCOM golf championship at Ft. Carson, this weekend. The Post team is lead by Jimmy Stinebaugh (USAG) in the senior division. He is a veteran player who has won numerous post, FORSCOM, and Interservice championships. This places him as one of the favorites. His teammate will be Clarence Nakatsukasa (6th Army) Louis Baldock (6th Army) and Richard Scott (WRRC).

Fun Run News

The next Fun Run Race on post is to be held July 18 at noon. The start and finish will be at Post Gym #1, Bldg. 63. This month's distance will be 5 miles. The Presidio provides a challenging course with its roller coaster terrain. Each finisher will receive his final time and place. Signups are 15 minutes before race starts. All runners are invited to join this fun group.

SF marathon

Presidio of San Francisco was well represented at last Sunday's major race. The 26.2 mile race was a scenic roller coaster route that had numerous loops in Golden Gate Park, then out the Great Highway to Lake Merced, once around the lake; then back via the Great Highway to Golden Gate Park and finished at the polo fields. The weather was favorable to the runners as the route was mostly foggy. All of the Presidio finishers set personal records and were wearing smiles on their faces for their great efforts. Over 2500 runners took part and swift times were recorded by many over a course that is not rated fast. The finishers and their times were:

John Traylor, time unknown (LAMC)
Floyd Baker, 3 hrs 50 min (LAMC)
Reggie Humdy, 3 hrs. 15 min. (LAMC)
Bruce Halla, 3 hrs. 2 min. (LAMC)
Dave Stamper, 3 hrs. 19 min. (LAMC)
Bob Darling, 2 hrs. 27 min. (Sports Office, RSD)
Jim Rawlings, time unknown (LAMC)
Ron Lewis, time unknown (LAMC)

Softball

The Presidio Women's Softball Team will take on Travis on Saturday, July 14 starting at 1 p.m. on Fort Scott Field #1. Coached by Deryle Arrington, LAMC, the Presidio Ladies will provide plenty of excitement and color when they take the field and try to sweep a doubleheader from Travis.

The Presidio Men's team will travel to McClellan to participate in the First Annual McClellan AFB Invitational Slow-Pitch Class "B" Softball Tournament. Presidio's men's team is currently in first place in the Northern California Interservice Softball League with a 10-4 record. Next home game for the "Men of Presidio" will be July 21 against Mather Air Force Base.

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST
666th RADAR	15	2
PX Main Store	15	2
FBI	14	3
US Attorneys	10	8
PHS	9	9
51st Engrs	8	10
PX Service Station	8	10
LAMC #2	7	11
Pathogens	4	5
DIO	3	6
LAIR	1	16

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

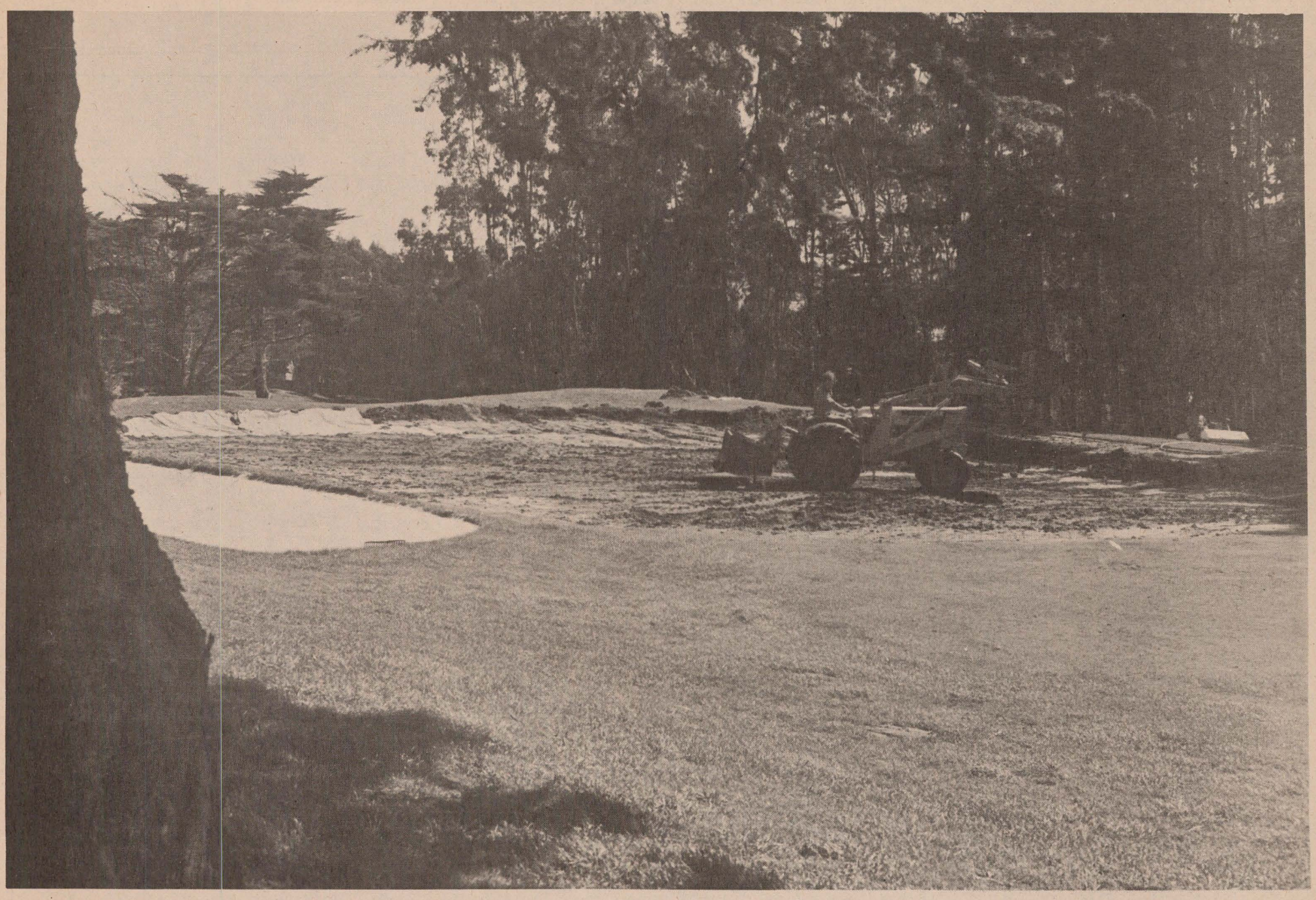
TEAM	WON	LOST
504th MP Bn	14	3
USAG	13	4
LAMC #1	12	5
Dept. of Medicine	11	6
LAIR #1	8	9
REGION IX	8	9
864th Engrs	8	9
USACC	6	11
170th MP Co	5	12

Baseball

Roko Smilijanic and Bobby Agee scored twice to lead the Presidio Astros to a 9-4 victory over the San Francisco Terriers in the Bantam League action this week.

The Astros scored a run in the first and six more in the second highlighted by Todd Ausbacher's double. Tony Jett pitched a three hitter and struck out 11 batters.

Golf course gets facelift



The Presidio Golf Course's **17th green got a face lift recently as part of an on-going project to improve course conditions. The new green was built to USGA standards. It was designed and built by course employees at a great savings.**

News notes

Fire seminar at LAIR

On July 14-15, the National Fire Protection Association will hold a special seminar at the LAIR Auditorium, entitled 'Fire Ground Commander." This is a new intensive two day course, designed for the fire officers in command situations, and will be given at only two other locations later this year. An audience of at least 200 from the fire services on the west coast is expected.

Chief Alan Brunacini and his instructional team from the Phoenix Fire Department will teach the program, using over 1200 slides during the two day period. The program will be a repeat of last year's highly successful pilot program, given at several locations on the east coast. Chief Brunacini has been nationally recognized as one of this country's premier fire tacticians. He has divided the seminar into a series of lively sessions, including color slides of real fire incidents. By using this technique, an added dimension of realism is added to the material discussed in the class sessions.

Topics to be covered during Saturday's session include fire ground factors, tactical priorities, rescue, fire control, property conservation, the order model, fire stream management, apparatus placement and standard fire ground procedures. On Sunday, subjects to be covered include overall command, staging, sectors, communications, safety, decision making, review and evaluation and fire ground etiquette. A session will also be devoted to the personal characteristics of an effective fire ground commander.

Fire hydrant markers

The Presidio Fire Department is currently in the process of installing raised reflective hydrant markers on all streets and areas of the Presidio. The raised reflective hydrant markers are a distinctive blue in color and will be located along the center line of the roadway where the hydrant is located.

The raised reflective hydrant markers will assist firefighters in locating hydrants at night which are hidden by parked cars, shrubbery, or are out of the normal line of vision. The hydrant markers will also aid responding fire units from other departments in the rapid location of fire hydrants.

Farewell coffee

A farewell coffee in honor of Mrs. John D. Hamilton, Jr. will be sponosred by the Presidio EM Wives' Club July 31 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The gathering will be held in the Enlisted Persons / NCO Club. For reservations interested ladies should call Mrs. Neely at 561-5939.

Rec Center news

Tickets for the **Giants-Montreal** double header on **July 22** are now on sale at the Recreation Center. Also available are box seat tickets plus free transportation to the **Giants-Mets** game on **July 24**. Stop by the Recreation Center any day after 4 p.m.

Tickets for the **World Famous Lippizan Stallion Show** are on sale at considerable savings. Don't miss this event at the Oakland Colisium July 28.

The **"Rock and Rye" Band** will entertain at the Cente July 21 from 8:30 to midnight.

A **Scuba Exhibit** will be held at the center July 25 from 6 - 10 p.m.

Dog Obedience classes will begin July 28 and continue on Wednesday and Saturdays for five sessions. For more information contact the center.

Cruise to **Santa Cruz** on July 29. A small deposit reserves your seat on this one-day trip.

Bugs Bunny Funny Money is not so funny when redeemable for $2.50 in food, games, or merchandise at **Great America.** Discount tickets are also available.

For more information about any of these programs call the Recreation Center at 561-5420.

Old Guard

The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) is looking for top quality soldiers for assignment as members of the Army's official ceremonial unit, according to Old Guard officials.

Members of the Old Guard are trained for ceremonial duties as well as infantry and security missions in Washington, D.C.

Individuals must meet the following criteria to qualify:

—Be at least 5 feet 10 inches tall and not more than 6 feet 4 inches tall;

—Have a high school diploma or equivalent;

—Score 100 or more on appropriate Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery;

Have at least 16 months active duty remaining;

Be able to obtain a security clearance.

Persons desiring more information may contact HQ, 3d U.S. Infantry, ATTN: In-service Recruiting Office, Fort Myer, VA 22211.

Moving

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or delayed shipments, and even shipment by sea-van through the Panama Canal for coast-to-coast moves.

On the personnel side of the house at DA, provisions have been made for major CONUS commands such as FORSCOM, and TRADOC, to grant deferments from overseas travel in hardship situations. A June 21 message from MILPERCEN gave the commands authority to defer accompanied overseas movements for 30 days "if movement to aerial ports creates a personal hardship due to fuel shortages."

MILPERCEN advises that anyone who may become stranded while enroute to port by fuel problems, and will miss their port call time should call the MILPERCEN duty officer at 703-325-8851, or Autovon 221-8852.

The 'Clipper' retires

END OF AN ERA... **Jack "the clipper" Lomonaco, Sixth Army barber for 26 years, receives congratulations from Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester, Sixth Army Commander, on the occasion of his retirement. Lomonaco has been trimming the hair of Sixth Army staff officers and NCOs in the same headquarters building location since 1953. He learned barbering in his native Sicily, before emigrating to the United States in 1921. A patriarch, Jack has four children, fourteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He and his wife, Vita, are expected to enjoy their long-earned retirement at the family home in Morgan Hill, California. In addition to the award presented by General Forrester, Jack also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the US Army Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco.**

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Briefly

Gas prices change

Patrons of the post gas station may be surprised by the sudden reduction in the price of gas. But if they look closely they'll see that the **price** is by the **half gallon** not by the gallon.

This move was taken to keep the station in accordance with other AAFES stations across the country.

Harmful weed killers

Five potentially harmful Ortho Lawn products have been removed from Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) sales shelves, according to an AAFES official.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ruled that these products, must be suspended from sale and collected for disposal, according to an AAFES announcement.

The EPA action followed studies on test animals that linked the products, chemicals with reporductive defects and cancer.

The Ortho products affected by the ruling include Weed-B-Gon lawn weed killer, Ortho weed and seed fertilizer, Ortho-Gro bahia weed and seed, Ortho chickweed and clover killer, and Ortho chickweed spurge and oxalis killer.

According to the AAFES official, the Ortho products affected have been available through AAFES stores in CONUS and Hawaii, but were not generally sold in overseas areas.

Individuals should check with their local AAFES outlet concerning refunds, explained an AAFES official.

Berets for women

Women who've postponed buying a black beret, preferring their garrison cap instead, have until October 1 to buy one, according to DA officials.

All Army women will be required to have at least one beret, officials said. The beret became an item of issue, replacing the garrison (AG 344) cap, in October 1976.

The garrison cap will no longer be required for wear in formation and will become obsolete September 30, 1980.

Also beginning October 1, the Army green (AG-44) service hat will no longer be required for wear in formations except in Military Police units, bands, honor guards and ceremonial units.

The cost of the beret at military clothing sales stores is $6.39.

Army women are also reminded that the tan shirt with black tabs will no longer be authorized for wear after September 30.

From the Chief of Staff

Every effort must be made to demonstrate to the taxpayers of our country...that we are not wasting energy."

These were the words of Army Chief of Staff General Edward C. Meyer in a recent message to major Army commands.

"All Army military and civilian personnel are asked to minimize the use of motor gasoline through more efficient vehicle use. Commercial transportation service should be used in preference to government or privately owned vehicles whenever possible," Meyer said.

DOD is not seeking special treatment on gasoline allocations at this time, according to Meyer.

"I urge each of you to take a personal interest in meeting this challenge — we must reduce our energy consumption without degrading our readiness," Meyer concluded.

Col. Hamilton to retire

Colonel John D. Hamilton, Commander of the Presidio of San Francisco, will retire July 31, completing more than 31 years of service. He'll be replaced by Colonel F. Whitney Hall, Jr., currently Course Director at the National War College in Washington DC.

Colonel Hamilton began his military career in 1946 as an enlisted man. He received a commission in 1952 after completing Officer Candidate School. He has also attended the Armor School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Navy School for Underwater Swimmers.

A native of Niles, Michigan, Col. Hamilton's past assignments have included: Instructor at the Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.; Senior Advisor, 4th Cavalry Regiment, Army of the Republic of Vietnam; Deputy Brigade Commander, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborn Division, Vietnam; Battle Staff Chief, U.S. Army Pacific Command, Hawaii; and U.S. Army Recreation Services Agency, Korea.

Col. Hamilton's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star with V

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JOHN D. HAMILTON

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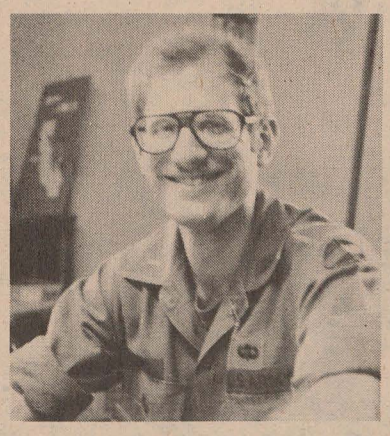
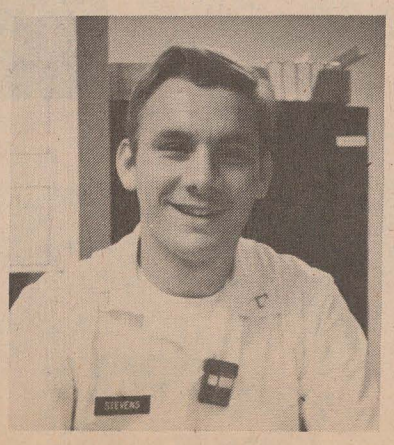
Ramblin' Sam

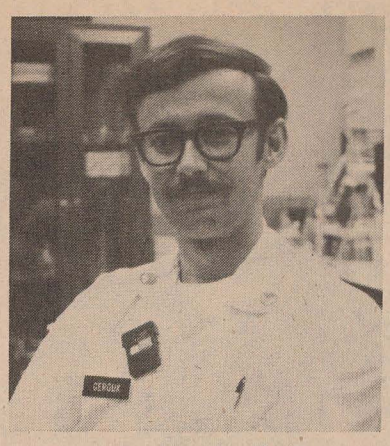
If you were at a press conference and could ask President Carter anything you wanted, what would you ask him?



2nd Lt Jon Stein - Commander, 16th AG - "What plans do you have for the private citizen in conjunction with government planning and policy to head off what appears to be an inevitable recession? As both a private citizen and an officer in the Army I am concerned with the economic erosion."



PFC Jack Stevens - USA DENTAC - "Why are the military benefits slowly eroding away? It's tough to make rank in some areas and the GI Bill is gone. The military is also trying to cut back on overseas travel by dependents and then the Army wonders why good people don't stay in the Army."



SSgt David Gerous - Senior Medical Technition, LAMC - "Does the Presdient feel that the 5.5 per cent pay raise is sufficient to retain highly qualified personnel, in view of inflation and the cumulative loss of pay and benefits over the past few years? The current pay-cap policy in these inflationary times if forcing me to reevaluate my career in the military."

PFC Doreen Finger - 163rd MP Co. - "Is there really a gas shortage? I don't believe that there is a shortage. In Illinois where I'm from it was reported that some oil companies were dumping fuel out in a field and pictures were taken to prove it."

1st Lt. Gary Woods - D Co., 864th Eng. - "Why don't we have a definite energy program and why is the military always getting less than the inflation rate of pay increases? Also, does the President still think it's great to be the President and does he really rexpect to be reelected?"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

What's the story on the new change in policy in advertising in the community news? When I called the Adjutant's Office I was told that items sold via the community news couldn't be in competition with the Thrift Shop.

That's bull-roar! Why should I take my items to the Thrift Shop where they may or may not get sold? When I advertise in the community news I can sell things more quickly or at least find out if they won't sell in time to make other arrangements.

When you come down on levy, you don't always have a lot of time to wait for the thrift shop to sell your goods.

Also, the thrift shop takes 20% off the sale price to send to various charities. While I agree this is admirable, I feel that I should retain the right to give to charities that I select.

I took a peek at AR 310-2 and guess what? There's no mention of a Presidio Thrift Shop anywhere. Besides, I think the command is shooting itself in the foot by limiting the 'for sale' section. Lots of people read the news mainly to see what's for sale, so the section entices folks to read the rest of the announcements as well.

Please don't misconstrue my letter to say that I don't approve of the thrift shop. I got there all the time, I'm only objecting to being forced to do so.

Bewildered

Right you are, Bewildered.

Although Personnel Services Division (DPCA) has not proven a direct correlaton between the number of items sold in the Thrift Shop and the number of items advertised in the Community News, the For Sale items were limited in hopes that Thrift Shop sales would pick up.

It is true that 20% of every sale is retained by the Shop; however, these monies go towards very worthwhile Presidio program, Dependent Youth Activities. A lot of people don't realize that the Thrift Shop is the primary monetary source for the youth programs on post. Unfortunately, the program's budget has recently expanded and Thrift Shop sales have dropped. Perhaps liminting the For Sale items in the Community News was a "long shot," but it was done in an effort to assist the Dependent Youth programs.

Your wording that you are being "forced" to patronize the Thrift Shop is a bit strong, as you still have the options of advertising in a civilian paper or putting up notices on the Commissary bulletin board.

It is recognized that these options are not always as convenient for some military personnel, but inconvenience on the part of a few personnel is a small price to pay for the welfare of our dependent children.

S.D. Bowen
Deputy DPCA

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Charge it approved for overseas PXs

Not enough cash to get that washer and dryer you need? Or what about that stereo system you want? Well, charge it.

Eligible military and civilian personnel overseas will soon be able to charge goods bought in Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) facilities, AAFES officials announced recently.

The AAFES deferred payment plan (DPP), recently tested at four Army and Air Force installations in Germany, will be expanded to most overseas areas over the next 18 months, according to the AAFES announcement.

Only the AAFES facilities in Hawaii and Alaska have been excluded from the program, an AAFES official said.

Everyone authorized to make purchases in AAFES facilities, except dependents under 18 years of age, are eligible for the DPP program.

The DPP program, according to AAFES officials, provides military personnel the opportunity to buy goods necessary to establish a household overseas. Aimed at the lower enlisted grades, the DPP allows individuals to spread the cost of special requirements such as back-to-school clothing and high cost items, such as stereo equipment and television sets.

Under the DPP, individuals will be able to defer payment on AAFES merchandise totaling at least $50, but not more than $1,000.

Those AAFES goods specifically excluded from the DPP program include food, tobacco products, periodicals and catalog merchandise.

Other limitations in the DPP, explained an AAFES official, include:

Limiting DPP purchases to appliances, furniture, auto tires, audio and photo equipment, jewelry, household goods, clothing, and AAFES facility automotive repairs and purchases of automotive parts.

Down payment if the individuals's deferred payment dollar limitation is exceeded.

No mail order catalog merchandise is included under the DPP program.

Purchases may be made only at the AAFES retail facilities at the sponsor's duty station.

According to the AAFES announcement, credit approval will be based on the applicant's ability to make payments and whether there is a history of dishonored checks from the individual. Sources of income other than military pay will be considered.

The payment schedule for purchases under the program will be based on the amount charged, explained the official. AAFES will also require that the sponsor's expected date eligible for return from overseas (DEROS) be verified to insure payments are completed before movement.

A finance charge of one percent per month on the unpaid balance will be levied, according to the announcement. This finance charge will begin in the month following the month of purchase. This charge will be included in the payment schedule, but will be adjusted in cases of advance pay back. (ARNEWS)

Russell: From 'Colonel' to Spec 4

by Don Terry

Pierre Russell has gone from a colonel in 1973 to a Specialist four in 1979.

"From 1971 to 1973 I played professional basketball for the Kentucky Colonels" said Russell, adding, "I have been playing basketball since I was about nine years old."

Russell graduated from Wiendotte High School, Kansas City, Kansas in 1967 where he played basketball with Lucius Allen who is currently with the Kansas City Kings.

After leaving high school, Russell attended college at the University of Kansas from 1967 to 1971 where he majored in Physical Education. "I guess I'm like a lot of guys, the main reason I was in college was to play basketball" commented Russell, "and I did play a lot of basketball. JoJo White, who played for the Boston Celtics and is now with the Golden State Warriors, also played for the University of Kansas at the same time as I did."

Russell didn't quite finish college, (he has less than a year left) because he was drafted by the Colonels. "After I played with the Colonels for two years we got a new coach who made a lot of changes" Russell said "about half the team was cut, traded or put on waivers. I was put on waivers but wasn't picked up by any other team. I really felt hurt and depressed and it was kind of a turning point in my life."

Russell went to Michigan to try out for semi-pro basketball but really didn't like the situation. He then went to work for a fast food outlet as a manager and in 1974 he got married.

In 1976 there was another change in Russell's life, for in September of that year he joined the Army.

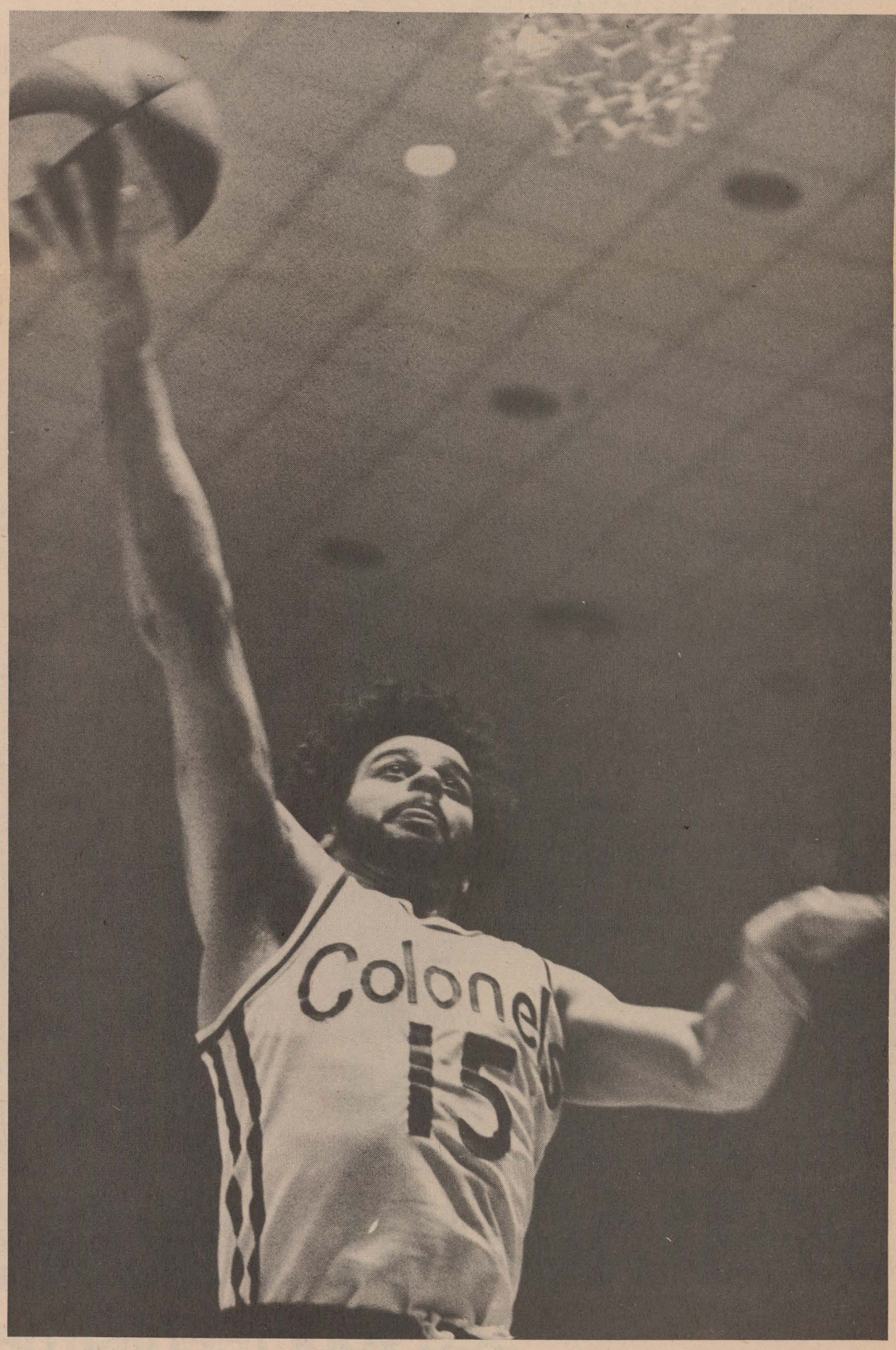
"Coach Hal Fischer knew who I was and found out that I was going through basic training" said Russell, "and he asked me to join the Armed Forces Basketball Team."

When Russell completed basic training in November he joined the team and in December went to Belgium for the NATO games. "I have played in the NATO games the last three years and we have won all of them," remarked Russell. He has also played with the Armed Forces Team and the AAU tournament (Amature Athletic Union) the last three years and in the CISM (Council of International Sports Militaire) tourney held in Tehran, Iran the last two years.

Russell has played on the Army Team at the Interservice Tournament at Ft. Benning, Georgia in which the Army Team has won 20 years out of 22 years since the tournament's beginning.

Russell, who is currently working in his primary MOS, has spent most of his Army time working in his secondary MOS in Recreation Services. "The Army now requires that we work in our primary MOS when we are not with the team" Russell said.

There is a possibility that Russell may reenlist for the recreational services MOS because he says, "I want to make a career in the field of recreation and coaching and I also want to finish college."



'Colonel' Pierre Russell **takes the ball toward the basket.**

Uncle Sam wants good soldiers to Re-up

by Tom Tiernan

To reenlist or not to reenlist? That's the question hundreds of soldiers ask themselves each day. Not all of them reenlist and not all of those who want to get to.

In recent years the Army's reenlistment program has undergone extensive changes. New options have been introduced to get more quality soldiers to stay in uniform. The biggest change however has been a change to shift the emphasis from quantity to QUALITY.

Quality not quantity

The theme behind today's reenlistment program is **"The Army gets better everytime a good soldier reenlists."** Career counselors and unit reenlistment NOCs are on the lookout to find and retain quality men and women in the Army green.

Gone are the days when reenlistment NCOs promised the moon, just to get someone to sign their name on the dotted line, according to Sergeant First Class John Hyes, post reenlistment NCO.

"Even though there may be a numerical goal at which we are supposed to aim, we don't want to reenlist just any soldier, we want only the good ones," says Hayes.

"In addition," says Hayes, "we aren't going to reenlist a soldier unless it's in his best interest." Nor are we going to promise him things we can't deliver."

Today's reenlistment program is designed to appeal to the soldier's intelligence and his own best interest. When a man or woman enters the Reenlistment office, the career counselor discusses career development as well as reenlistment.

"The individual comes first," says Hayes. "We try to match his needs and desires with the needs of the Army. We want to do what is best for the soldier's career and still help the Army meet its needs."

A lot of soldiers believe that career counselors will promise anything to get their names on the dotted line. This is not so.

In order to reenlist for a particular option, a soldier must be qualified to accept the option. Secondly, before a contract is signed the whole thing is verified with Department of the Army. Then, if something goes wrong, which is unlikely, and the Army can't deliver its half of the bargain then the soldier can reenlist for a new option or get out.

Options

Interested soldiers can reenlist for a number of options:

BEAR (Bonus-Extension and Retraining) One of the newest programs, BEAR allows soldiers in overage and balanced Military Occupational Specialties (MOS), (overage MOSs for careerist) to extend for up to one year to complete training in a shortage MOS and then to reenlist in that MOS and draw a selective reenlistment bonus.

For those soldiers who'd like an **overseas** assignment, there's an option for them. THE Army guarantees one year in a long tour area, but chances are you'll complete a normal prescribed overseas tour if you reenlist for three, four, or six years. This way the family can enjoy the tour along with you.

The **unit of choice** option allows stateside soldiers to reenlist for overseas units which participate in this program. Units include the 2d Infantry Division in Korea, the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, and the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. The Army guarantees a minimum of 16 months in Europe, Alaska, Panama or Hawaii. For unit of choices in Korea the tour is one year.

Parlez-vous Francais? Want to speak a foreign language? Interested soldiers can learn to speak almost any language from Spanish to Chinese and Arabic.

The **Language School** option requires that those who reenlist for it must have good hearing and speech, be a high school graduate, be a U.S. citizen, and be eligible for a secret security clearance. But most importantly there must be a need for soldiers in your MOS and grade with language training.

Under the **service school** option soldiers in balanced or overage MOS can reenlist to attend a MOS producing school in a shortage MOS. Careerists can reenlist only from overage to shortage positions.

If a soldier likes what he's doing and where he's at then he can reenlist for the **Present Duty** option. This guarantees him a stabilized tour of 12 months right where he's at.

Not everybody who walks in the reenlistment office needs to reenlist, states Hayes.

For soldiers who have service required for completion of a school or to be promoted, Hayes says an extension may be the best answer.

"If an extension is in the best interest of the soldier that's what I'll recommend," says Hayes. "We're here to do what's best for the soldier."

Hayes feels soldiers should start considering reenlistment about seven months before their ETS if they are first termers and five months ahead if they are careerists.

At this time they can go to the reenlistment office and explore the possibilities. Once an option has been decided upon, Hayes can confirm it with Department of the Army.

By picking up the phone, dialing a special number and hooking the receiver into a computer, Hayes can communicate with DA Reenlistment Assignments branch. In a matter of minutes the computer is fed information on the woldier wanting to reenlist, and the option he desires.

If the reply is positive the soldier is all set to reenlist when the appropriate time comes, either six months prior to ETS for first termers or 90 days for careerists. If the reply is negative, DA could send an alternate offer.

"The other day we went in to get a soldier an assignment to Korea. There were no slots available in his MOS so he was offered a tour in London, England," commented Hayes.

It is possible, says Hayes, to use the computer to find out what is available overseas in the soldiers MOS, to see what MOS training he's eligible for, or to ask DA to make an offer if what he wants isn't available.

The computer, however, is unable to give pinpoint assignments in Europe. All the soldier can do is request Europe and then wait until he gets word on which area he's on levy for. If he doesn't like it he can cancel the option and ask for another, as long as he hasn't already reenlisted for that option.

Hayes points out that if an option isn't available soldiers may elect to go on a waiting list. Then he can extend to wait for that option to become available.

"Whatever the soldier wants, that is realistic, we'll try and get it for him," says Hayes.

You can help

Hayes advises soldiers who are unhappy with the Army right now to sit down and find out what the problem is and then to talk with him. "If there is something we can do about it, such as changing his MOS, or getting him an overseas assignment, then he should consider reenlistment," suggests Hayes.

Hayes feels the Army's reenlistment program has been helped by bars to reenlistment and the weight control program.

The bar to reenlistment, Hayes feels, is important because, "It shows the good soldiers that the Army cares and is interested in keeping them in uniform. Where there have been a lot of bars to reenlistment, I have found the number of reenlistments has gone up."

The weight control program also helps improve the soldier's attitude towards the Army and in the long run toward reenlistment, states Hayes. "It shows the young soldiers that us older troops have to stay in shape too."

SFC Dave Davis, Letterman Army Medical Center's Reenlistment NCO, states that some soldiers thought that the weight control program would come and go before it was time for them to reenlist. Unfortunately for them, the program has stayed and they are gone.

The reenlistment program can use the help of each and every officer and non-commissioned officer, says Hayes. "The Reenlistment program is decided right in the section and unit. Therefore, it's important that supervisors and commanders do everything possible to help the Army maintain a positive attitude. If he's doing a good job, make sure you tell him. Be interested in those you work with and know their needs, this goes a long way toward helping us retain a good soldier."

Likewise, commanders shouldn't fear that barring a person from reenlisting is an indication of bad leadership, Hayes points out. "There are some people who just don't belong in the Army. Hopefully, the commander has already given them a bar to reenlistment before they get to me."

Hayes asks all commanders, NCOs, and supervisors to take their duties to get good soldiers to stay in the Army seriously. "Reenlistment is the second most important job of every officer and NCO in the Army."

The Army needs good soldiers to maintain a high state of readiness and professionalism. Without them the Army would be a failure.

If you are a good soldier or know of one let SFC Hayes know and do your part to keep a good soldier in Army green.

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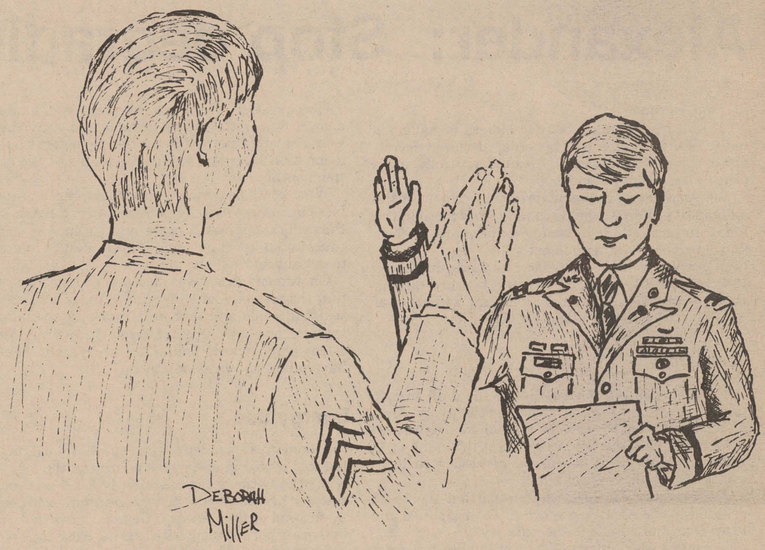
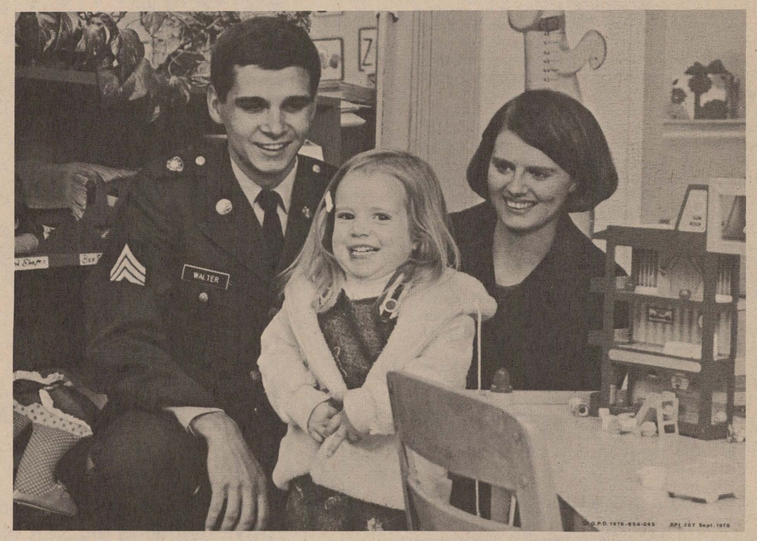
See your reenlistment NCO.



Your family benefits when you reenlist.



Army families get a lot of benefits that you may be taking for granted.
Let your Career Counselor add up the facts for you.

Today's Army gets better every time a good family reenlists.

Alexander: Stop degrading soldiers

by Tom Tiernan

"The degradation of today's soldiers is having a negative affect upon their benefits," declared Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., during a visit to the post on Monday.

The Army Secretary explained that critism of the soldiers in uniform today is coming from those in the Army and from those outside. Furthermore, he feels that much of the critism is not valid.

"When you talk about the incompetence, dumbness and the inability to teach soldiers, you are talking about yourself," Alexander told an audience of civilians, officers, and senior NCOs.

The Draft

To those who call for a return of the draft to help improve the quality of the soldiers in the Army, Alexander questioned the affects of doing so. He pointed out that for the Army to truly reflect the make up of American society, it would be necessary to draft everyone 18 - 75 years of age.

The Secretary of the Army stated that the 18-25 year old in the Army is a much more disciplined and fitter than those outside the military.

Secretary Alexander said he felt the draft was not necessary because the Army could recruit enough people to fill its ranks, a draft would be unfair, produce less enthusiastic soldiers, and create discipline and management problems.

The Secretary of the Army did have some criticism of the Army. He said he felt that much of what was being said against the Army was because of, "Our failure to show the American people the dedication and decency of the soldiers coming into today's Army. We have to stop dwelling on our failures and show the progress we are making. Our soldiers are doing a good job and the American people deserve to know this."

PSF's future

During appearances at an NCO and Officer Call, a press Conference, and a joint luncheon of the Association of the United States Army, the World Council and the National Defense Study Group of the Commonwealth Club, Secretary Alexander took a number of questions dealing with a wide variety of subjects.

One question which the Secretary was unable to answer was on the future of the Presidio. All that he would say was the DOD was due to make its recommendation later this summer, possible at the end of the month.

What could be done to solve the strength problems faced by reserve units? The Secretary of the Army said that what was needed were new incentives such as educational assistance and for the reserve recruiters to get out and sell the program.

On women in the Army, Secretary Alexander stated that the male soldiers in uniform today still have as sexist attitude and that he is working on changing that. He said however, that he felt the Army had come a long way toward eliminating sexism, but "We still have a hell of a long way to go."

Energy use

Secretary Alexander pointed out that the Army has reduced its use of energy 6.8 percent in the last year, while the nation's use has increased 1.9 percent. He restated his goal to cut energy consumption 45 percent by the end of this century. He also noted that Army labs are experimenting with turning trash to gas-ahol.

Alexander said he was in favor of reinstating the GI bill. In addition however, he felt that society needed to learn the importance of education in the classroom, before dropping out.

Secretary Alexander explained the reasoning behind the desire that soldiers have high school diplomas. "Those who have a high school diploma tend to complete their first term of service at a higher rate than those who don't have the diplomas."

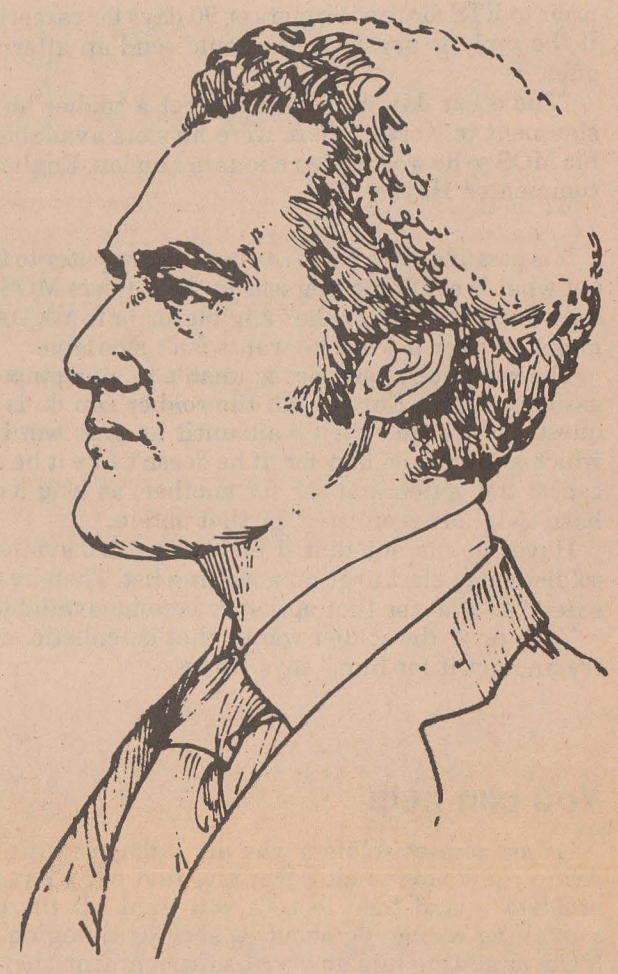
Asked about the 5.5 percent pay cap that President Carter has announced for military and civil service pay, Alexander stated that the Department of Defense has pointed out the effects of the pay cap upon those service members, civilian employees and their families.

Quality of life

The Secretary of the Army stated that everything possible was being done to improve the soldier's quality of life, especially for those stationed in Europe. He pointed out that importance of the quality of life to the soldier and to the accomplishment of the Army's mission.

In general, the Secretary of the Army stated that he felt "The American people are getting a real bargain from the U.S. Army. Our soldiers often put in long days with an hourly pay for many that is less than the minimum wage."

Finally, the Secretary of the Army said, "The soldiers in today's Army have met and are meeting the challenge, they are better trained, fitter, and better equipped than any other American Army. They are intelligent, have good sense, and perform their duties with fervor. They are dedicated and proud to being serving their country."



You could be first sergeant

Do you want to be a First Sergeant? If an old MOS test score stopped you from applying for the First Sergeant Program before, you may now be eligible.

An MOS score of 100 or higher is no longer a requirement for the First Sergeant Program, MILPERCEN officials announced recently.

Since most NCOS don't have a recent MOS score, MILPERCEN has removed the restriction, officials said.

The First Sergeant Program gives NCOS in balanced or overstrength non-combat arms MOS a chance to serve as First Sergeants in a combat arms unit. This enhances their chances for selection to attend the Sergeants Major Academy and promotion to E-9.

There's a continuing need for about 20 to 25 NCOS at any one time to fill vacancies as NCOS complete the 24-month program, officials said.

Participation in the program is voluntary. To be accepted volunteers must:

Be an E-8 or an E-7 on the E-8 promotion list.

Have no profile prohibiting duty with a combat arms unit. This includes weight standards.

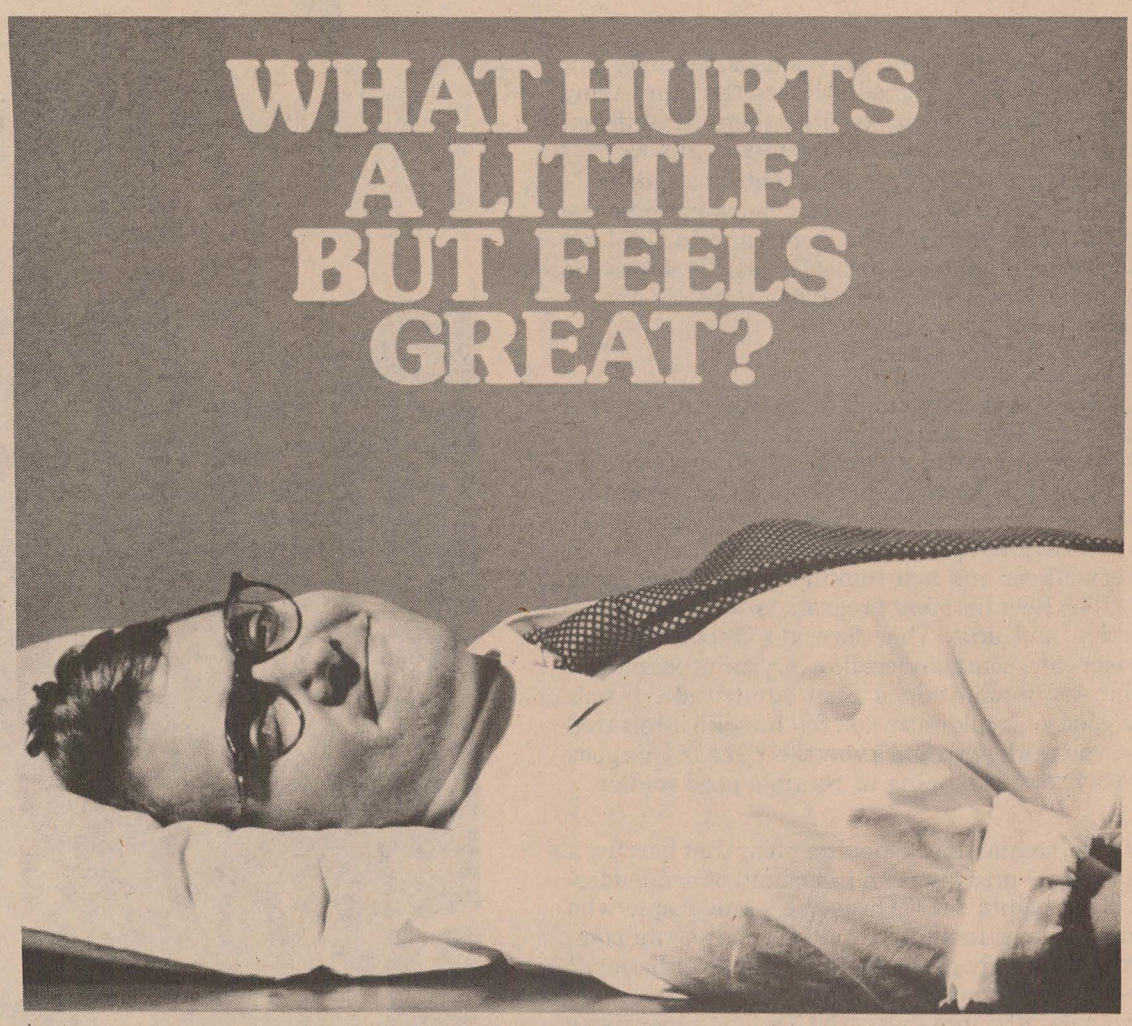
Be released by their branch.

Applications must be accompanied by a recommendation from the volunteer's Command Sergeant Major or E-9 rater.

Applications should be sent through cahnnels to: USA MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-EPK-A, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331.

Those selected are stabilized for 24 months at one of the following locations: Forts Campbell, Carson, Hood, Lewis, Ord, Polk, Riley, Sill or Stewart. A post of choice option is available as long as vacancies exist, officials added.

Upon completion of First Sergeant duty, the NCOS return to their parent career branch for assignment in their PMOS.



Giving blood.

Support the Presidio Blood Drive by giving the 'Gift of Life', on Wednesday July 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the NCO / EM Club or the Fort Scott Educa-Center.

Presidio Sports Round up

Post tourney

The Presidio Softball Championship games will be played July 23 and 24, between the top four teams from the Presidio and Fort Scott Leagues. The games will be played at Fort Scott fields #1 and #2 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The final game will be played on July 27 to determine the king of Fort Scott hill.

The leagues started off with a total of 21 teams but the battles have taken their tolls. The two leagues have been whittled down to four teams each. The Fort Scott top contenders are: 666 Radar Squadron, Main PX, FBI, and U.S. Attorneys. The top fighting it out for the Presidio league are: 504th MP Bn, USA Garrison, LAMC #1, and Department of Medicine.

The FBI was number one last year with a mighty struggle to the top, however, this year may prove to be a greater struggle with Garrison being the favorite and 666 Radar and Main PX having the highest number of wins. But there may also be a sleeper in the midst of the contenders.

A member of the Presidio Women's Softball team sends a hit up the middle. The Presidio women took a double header from Travis Air Base last week. (Photo by Ken Juber).

Women's softball

The Presidio Women's Post Softball team sent Travis AFB home with two losses after last Saturday's double header played here. Behind the pitching talent of Ellen Bernhart, Presidio beat Travis 15-2 in the first game. This game was perhaps the best the team has ever played together, there were few errors and a lot of hits. Offensive highlights include triples by Ellen Bernhart and Nancy Brighton, a double by Donna Clavelle, and two doubles by newcomer Lynn Peterson.

In the second game, Travis took a 2-0 lead early in the game and held it until the fourth inning when Presidio's Mary Ellen Dailey led off with asingle, followed by singles from Donna Clavelle, Ellen Bernhart, Bess Watt, and Knowles, and doubles from Marie Pollard and Nancy Brighton. This big inning ended any hopes for Travis as Presidio took a 6-2 advantage. In the fifth inning Lynn Peterson hit a three-run homer, bringing the score to 9-2. Travis never recovered, and the final score remained 9-2.

The Presidio women play their final game of the season tomorrow at Fort Scott Field #1. Game time is 1:00 p.m. for this double header against Mather AFB.

Men's softball

PRESIDIO LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
504th MP Bn	15	3
USAG	14	4
LAMC #1	13	5
Dept of Medicine	12	6
LAIR	9	9
REGION IX	8	10
864th Engrs	8	10
USACC	6	12
170th MP Co	5	13

FORT SCOTT LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
666th RADAR	18	2
PX-Main Store	18	2
FBI	16	4
US Attorney	12	8
PHS	11	9
PX-Service Station	9	11
LAMC #2	7	13
DIO	3	8
Pathogens	4	7
LAIR	2	18

GAME RESULTS

US Attorneys, 12 — Pathogens, 7
PX-Main Store, 11 — DIO, 1
PHS, 12 — PX-Service Station,3
FBI, 17 — LAMC #2, 2
666th RADAR, 16 — LAIR #2, 5
PHS, 12 — 8 DIO, 7
PX-Service Station,14 — Pathogens,7
666th RADAR, 9 — LAMC #2, 4
PX-Main Store, 7 — FBI, 0
LAIR #1, 7 — 170th MP Co, 0
504th MP Bn, 10 — 864th Engrs, 0
LAMC #1, 7 — REGION IX, 0

Phils lead minor league

The Presidio Youth Baseball program has three weeks remaining until the end of the season. On August 12 a minor league All Star game will be played. All other games will be played at Pop Hicks Field at 1:00 p.m. This All Star game will be the last game of one of the most successful seasons the Presidio Youth Baseball program has ever had.

Action has been the theme of this year's program. The Phils, coached by Bruce Wicks, are still undefeated after ten games. There have been a few close calls for the Phils, but they seem to be too much for their opponents.

A triple play and two home-runs were the theme of the Phils-Seals game. The Seals had a man on first and second with no outs, when a Seals' batter hit a line drive down the first base line. The Phils first baseman, Darren Wild, made an outstanding catch, then touched first base, and then threw to second for the third out. The Seals, coached by Clinton Beckett, showed their batting skills by scoring more runs on the Phils than any other team this season. The leading batter was Vaughn Lee Singleton, who hit two home-runs in their losing effort. The final score was 14 to 10.

Last week's game found the Oakland Giants winning their first game of the season. They beat the Presidio Stars 12 to 7. This victory was due to the outstanding team effort that the Oakland Giants displayed.

The Solons (Rob McAuley) eased past the injury riddled Oaks (Farrell Woolford) 13 to 2, while the Totems (Tony Cason) overpowered the Padres (Phil Kim) 23-7 to round out last week's action.

The standing for the minor league is as follows:

Phils	10-0
Solons	8-2
Totems	6-4
Padres	5-5
Seals	4-5
Oaks	4-6
Stars	1-9
OARB	1-9

Major league action still finds the Bud Bears undefeated, while all the other teams are still fighting for a better position. A play-off for the league championship will be played on July 26, 28 and 29 at Pop Hicks Field, between the two division winners.

Last week's action saw a real hard fought contest between the Presidio Mets and Bud Bears. The Mets were able to keep the Bears' runs to the lowest total of the year, but they were not able to score themselves, so they lost 3 to 1.

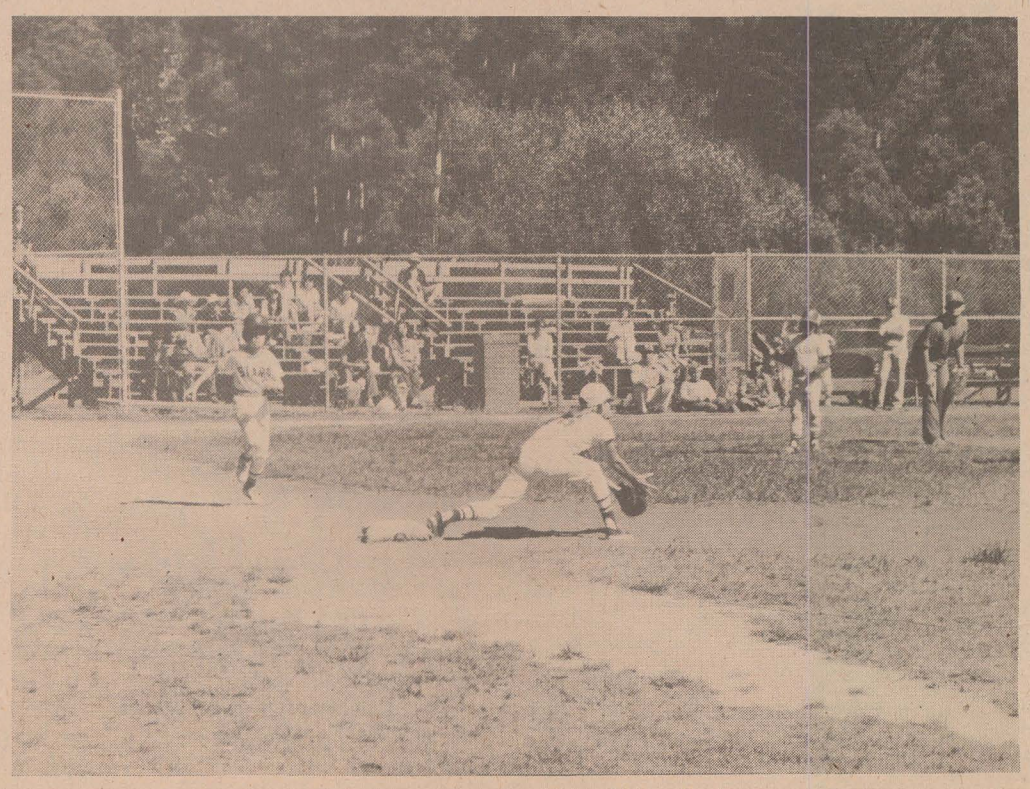
The Presidio Astros proved to be too much for the SF Grattans, by beating them 4 to 1. The standing as of July 12 is as follows:

Presidio League

Mets	4-3
Astros	4-4
OARB	1-2

SF League

Buds	7-0
Grattan	2-5
Terriers	1-5



A member of the Presidio Stars digs for first base during a recent game.

News Notes

Education Center news

Mr. Jon Trop, representative for Pepperdine University, will be on post Wednesday, August 1, 1979 to discuss the Master of Arts degree program in Human Resources Management offered at Treasure Island Naval Support Activity.

The program is open to all active duty personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. All interested persons are invited to attend this orientation to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Training classroom of the Civilian Personnel office, Bldg. 37. For further information contact Judy Lewis, Pepperdine University Coordinator, Telephone 391-3236.

The fall term begins before Labor Day at a number of local colleges, including courses offered by San Francisco State University on the Presidio. Registration is now under way at the Education Centers at Ft. Scott (Bldg. 1216) and LAMC (Bldg. 1007) for the following four courses which meet two nights per week, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. August 13th - October 5th:

Elementary Algebra (Math 103) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Broomas. This is a beginning algebra course equivalent to the first year of high school algebra. If you missed it in high school, this is your chance to take it for college credit.

Second Year Composition (Eng 107) Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Heinbockel. This is a second semester writing course with emphasis on the longer essay and term paper. Open to those who have completed Eng 106 or who achieve a satisfactory score on an English test given at the Ed Ctr.

Motor Vehicles (Man the Consumer, DI 310), Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Best. This course, an elective carrying upper division credit, covers everything you as a consumer should know before you purchase your next new or used car, van, camper, motorcycle or other vehicle. First time on post - don't miss it!

General Psychology (Psych 200) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Bloch. This is a standard introductory course in psychology. Counts as social science requirement toward a degree. Students often select this as their first college course.

Tuition is $120 per course. Active duty personnel may apply for 75 percent Army Tuition Assistance until August 7th, or use GI Bill benefits if eligible. Dependents and other civilians are also welcome to attend these on-post courses.

Woman / Man of the Year

The Presidio Federal Women's Program (FWP) Committee established the Woman-of-the-Year / Man-of-the-Year Honor in recognition of outstanding supporters of its goals and objectives. Nominations must be submitted by July 31 to the Chairman, Woman/Man-of-the-Year Honor, AFKC-EN, Bldg. 39, Rm. 118, PSF. The award will be presented for the second time on Women's Day, August 16, to the one woman and one man who best meet the following criteria:

Must be a member of the Presidio work force (military or civilian).

Must have demonstrated a sincere and dedicated interest in furtherance of job opportunities and advancement of Presidio women by

—Supporting the goals of the FWP through a distinctive accomplishment or contribution.

—Actively promoting the careers and potentials of women at the Presidio.

—Volunteering service to the Federal Women's Program (duty or non-duty time).

If you know someone who meets one or more of these criteria, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 561-2002 to obtain nominating forms.

Rec Center news

A SCUBA EXHIBIT will be held at the Log Cabin on July 25 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All military and civilian DOD are welcome. The presentation will be directed by Ron Orr, a certified NAUI instructor and is free of charge.

LAST CALL FOR WORLD FAMOUS LIPPIZAN STALLION SHOW: Tickets are on sale for this show on July 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Coliseum. There are great seats available at special reduced prices. Adult tickets are $4.50 (a $2.00 savings), children's tickets are only $3.25. Tickets go on sale at 4:00 p.m, daily in the Log Cabin.

LIVE ROCK BAND AT LOG CABIN: Tomorrow night at 8:30 the band "Rock And Rye" will perform for your listening pleasure.

NEW DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES are due to resume on July 28 at 11:00 a.m. at the Presidio Recreation Center. Space is limited so register early. The total cost for five lessons is only $20.00.

Craft shop news

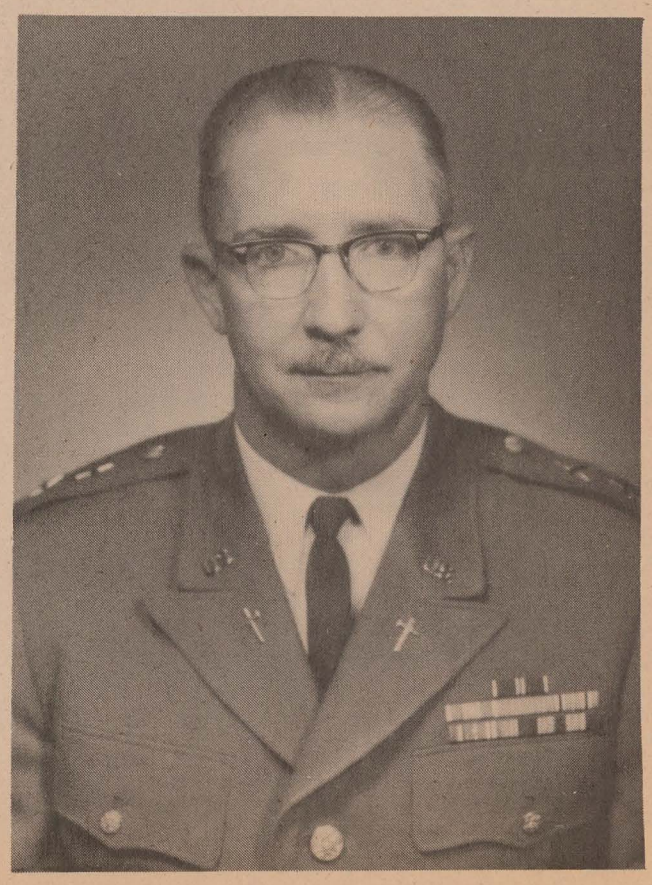
ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES: **Beginners Photography Class** will begin July 27 and continue every Friday from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for four weeks, with a field trip on Saturday July 28. Instructor: David Black. A **Beginners & Intermediate Drawing Class** will begin August 22, and be held every Wednesday evening, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. for a month. Instructor: Robert Warwick. If you are interested in either class, stop by the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122, or call 561-4497 for registration. Note: Active duty military will be given priority, however, in case of space available, retired military dependents, reservists and DA Post Civilians are urged to sign-up also.

Jobs for dependents

The military dependent provides an excellent source of manpower to Department of the Army in a civil service capacity. The Presidio of San Francisco Civilian Personnel Office has several clerical position vacancies.

As the military sponsor relocates, it is often possible for the military dependent to secure continued employment with civil service. Presently, there is a great need for both temporary and permanent clerical help. If you are a military dependent and are interested in either a permanent or a temporary clerical position, please contact the receptionist in the Civilian Personnel Office, Bldg. 37, Presidio of San Francisco for further information.

Chaplain anniversary



The United States Army Chaplaincy will observe its 204th anniversary July 29 at worship services at all Presidio chapels. Protestant services will be conducted at the Post Chapel with Chaplain (MG) Charles E. Brown, Jr. (RET), former Chief of Chaplains of the Army as guest minister. Chaplain Brown will preach at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Chaplain Brown is also a former post Chaplain.

A special solo will be sung by Mrs. Johnson accompanied by Mrs. Agee, and the Post Chapel Chancel Choir will sing. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information call Post Chapel, 561-4711 or 4719.

Farewell coffee

A farewell coffee in honor of Mrs. John D. Hamilton, Jr. will be sponosred by the Presidio EM Wives' Club July 31 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The gathering will be held in the Enlisted Persons / NCO Club. For reservations interested ladies should call Mrs. Neely at 561-5939.

Col. Hamilton to retire July 31

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device for valor and three oak leaf clusters, eight awards of the Air Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Col. and Mrs. Hamilton and their son, John, Jr., will make their home in the Bay Area. The Hamiltons have two married daughters, Anita who lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Joan who lives in Burlingame, California.

Colonel Hall

The new Presidio commander, Colonel F. Whitney Hall, Jr., is a 1957 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He holds a Masters Degree in Political Science from Georgetown University.

Col. Hall has served with various armored units and his major assignments include: Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Temporary duty with the Special Assistant for Counter-insurgency and Special Activities, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.; Senior Advisor to the 6th Cavalry Regiment, Army of the Republic of Vietnam; Staff officer for Southeast Asia, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.; Assistant for Vietnamization, Vietnam Task Force, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.; Commander, 3d Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Germany; and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, HQ VIII Corps, Germany.

Col. Hall's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, among others.

Col. Hall will be joined in August by his wife Sigrid and their son Curtis.

A Change of Command Ceremony will be held July 31, at 3:30 p.m. on the Presidio parade field. All members of the Presidio of San Francisco and the general public are invited to attend.

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Briefly

Concurrent travel

Being reassinged to Europe? Your chance of getting concurrent travel approved for your dependents is better than ever.

Concurrent travel of dependents to USAREUR is now being approved if housing is expected to be available within 60 days of the sponsor's arrival, according to MILPERCEN officials.

Formerly, housing had to be available within 30 days for concurrent travel to be approved, officials explained. With the 30 day limit, only about 20 percent of the requests were being approved, a MILPERCEN spokesman said.

USAREUR has been testing the new concept and the rate of approval has reached about 50 percent, the spokesman added.

The test has also shown that the 60 day concept has had no significant effect on temporary lodging allowance costs. A DA budget official reports the 60 day concept does not cost the Army any more since in most cases, housing is found within 30 days and when a family is separated, separation pay must be provided.

Re-up Airborne

The Army now has an airborne unit of choice reenlistment option according to DA officials.

In a change to the basic reenlistment regulation, DA will incorporate airborne training into the Army Service School/Army Training Center reenlistment option, and add a station of choice guarantee.

The change will permit certain E6's and below to apply for airborne training, award of the special qualification identifier (SQI) "P", and assignment to the 82nd Airborne Division, For Bragg, N.C.

Previously, the airborne option was not available to soldiers and the guaranteed unit assignemnt was not offered.

The new option allows for:

Attendance at the specific MOS-producing Army Service School Training Center course of choice, except applicants for Armos specialist, who will be offered only a specific training course designator;

Airborne training for those soldiers who already possess an MOS for which the award of the SQI "P" is authorized, and assignment to the 82nd Airborne Division.

For further details concerning the Army Service School/Army Training Center-Airborne Training Reenlistment Option, contact your local Reenlistment NCO.

Leave: Use it

(Washington) — Soldiers are reminded that they earn 2½ days leave each month to use, not lose.

Now that the summer vacation months are here and lots of vacation time will be taken, it is not too soon to remind you that the current leave year ends September 30.

The cutoff date for accumulating accrued leave for fiscal year 79 is Sept. 30. Army policy requires that individual accrued leave not exceed 60 days by Oct. 1, 1979. Any leave in excess of 60 days as of the end of September will be lost.

Soldiers should check block 33 of the June LES for their leave balance. If the block indicates more than 52½ days and all leave taken has been posted, you will accumulate a total exceeding 60 days as of the end of September. These days will be lost if you don't take them.

DOD studying pay cap

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown announced recently that he is setting up a working group to study the effects of the pay caps on the current members of the Armed Forces and on recruiting.

The decision to begin the study is also based on several recommendations made by the President's Commission on Military Compensation (PCMC).

The PCMC recommended a more flexible and efficient active duty pay. Redirecting the purpose and expanding the use of special and incentive pay to prevent or solve personnel shortages, was also recommended.

The DOD study will focus on the following areas:

Measuring the usefulness and effectiveness of special and incentive pay, including enlistment and reenlistment bonuses, and

Determining if the general levels of military compensation are adequate to support recruiting and retention.

DOD expects the study to focus "on our most critical requirements for special and incentive types of compensation and then come directly to grips with the central question of compensation adequacy - according to a DOD spokesman.

The study will aim at the use of special pay funds to meet those needs which are most progressing "...putting our special pay dollars where they will do the most good solving shortages and motivating behavior," stated the spokesman.

In addressing the adequacy of military compensation, the buying power, standard of living and level of expectation ot military members will be compared with those of their civilian counterparts.

"Of particular concern is the effect of the rising minimum wage on entry level pay," commented the spokesman. "In 1975, basic pay for a recruit was 115% of the minimum wage. Today, recruit basic pay is 83% of minimum wage; and, with the increases in minimum wage already in the law and the expected military pay raises, by 1981 recruit pay would be only 80% of minimum wage." (ARNEWS).

Army chaplains: Serving God and country

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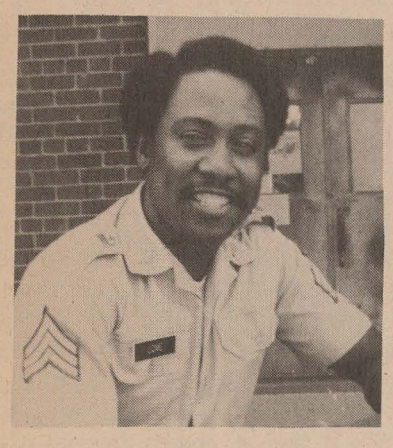
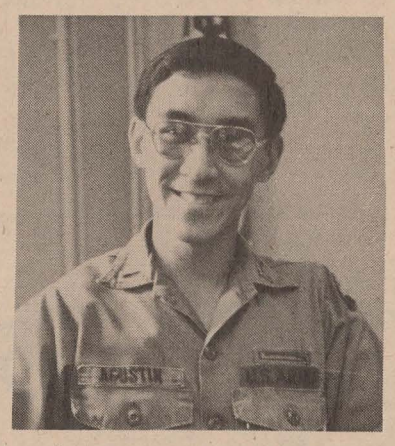
Ramblin' Sam

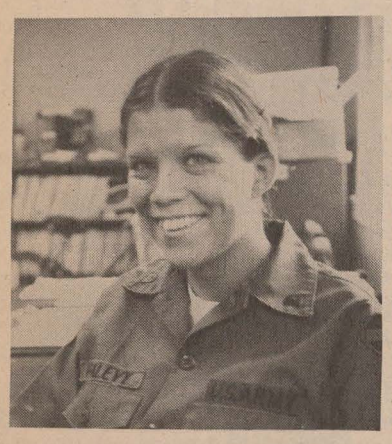
If you could have any assignment you wanted in the world, what would it be and why?



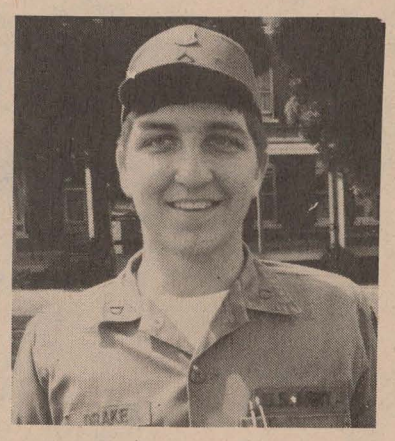
Sgt. Odis Love - COMPACT — "Hawaii! I have always wanted to go to Hawaii but never had the opportunity. It's on my dream sheet but I'm still hoping."



1st Lt. Benjamin Agustin Jr. - XO USAG — "I would like to stay right here at Presidio. This is my home town and my friends and relatives live here in the Bay Area."



Sp4 Elizabeth McAlevy - 51st Engineers — "I would like to be assigned to Ireland. My grandparents are from there and I would like the opportunity to meet some of my relatives and to trace my ancestry."



PFC Larry Drake - 170th MP Co. — "I would like to be in Germany working as a customs agent. It would help me to learn another language and it would be good experience to work with people in other countries."

Sp4 Marta Gnagy - Driver DCG 6th US Army — "I think it would be nice to be assigned to embassy duty in Belgium. I don't want to go to Germany but I would like to see the European countries. Everyone I have talked to that's been to Belgium has really enjoyed it and I think it would be a great place to be stationed."

The 'chain' can help soldiers

Within any large organization there are going to be times when problems arise. If this was not so with the Army then we'd all be a bunch of robots.

We're not robots and those who run the Army know that from time to time problems are going to occur. They also realize that questions are going to arise concerning policies and regulations.

To solve the problems and to answer the questions, the Army leadership established a Chain of Command.

The Chain of Command allows soldiers to discuss problems and questions concerning policy and regulations with those who can either provide solutions or answers. It is designed to achieve these goals in the shortest amount of time.

If the question cannot be answered or the problems solved at one level, then the soldier is free to speak with the officer at the next level.

For example, a soldier has a request in for separate rations, he first discusses it with his office NCOIC and Chief. If they are unable to help then he makes an appointment to see the company commander. If the CO is unable to help then he makes an appointment with the next higher authority.

The chain of command begins in the office or duty section of the soldier and continues up through his unit, brigade, post and major army command to the Chief of Staff of the Army and then through the Secretaries of the Army and Defense, and finally to the Commander-in-chief, the President.

How far up the chain an individual goes depends upon his problem. Judgment should, be used, however, to determine if it is appropriate to continue to the next level.

While the Army provides other means for dealing and discussing problems, soldiers should begin with the Chain of Command, since eventually the problem will more than likely be referred back into the chain.

While the Chain of Command may not always function as it should or as quickly as we'd like, it is there for soldiers to use as the quickest and most effective way to get a solution or an answer.

It is important, therefore, for all soldiers to know and use the Chain of Command.

Editor's note

Five weeks ago when I took over the Star Presidian, I told you there would not be any drastic changes in the paper. Until now there have been none. But this may not be the case next week.

Beginning with our August 3 issue, the Star Presidian will be appearing on a higher quality paper. This move is being taken to improve the paper's appearance and to keep in step with many other Army newspapers.

Other changes which will follow in the next year include a new flag, new distinctive heads for our standing columns such as Troop Talk and Action Line, and more color.

Our basic policies of printing feature and news items of interest to soldiers of the Presidio, their dependents and our civilian co-workers will continue.

New features will be forthcoming to add humor and human interest articles to our pages. We are striving to offer something for everyone.

We do, however, still need the help and support of our readers especially those with talent as writers, photographers, or artists. We welcome your submissions and your assistance.

Your comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome and can be discussed with me between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. by calling 561-2005 or 3908.

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SMA Connelly discusses the Army

"I want to do those things that I've always thought should be done for our soldiers. Now, I'm in a position to do that, or to influence it, and I intend to do just that."

During a recent interview, the new Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) William A. Connelly talked about his position and expressed his views on a variety of subjects.

Recruiting

"Recruiting is probably our biggest problem right now, stated the 29-year Army veteran, "and training in my opinion, is the best solution to that problem.

"The young soldier tells me that there is too much makework, that they are not challenged in training. They really want to learn a skill and be well trained in that skill."

By better training, soldiers will be more satisfied and then, "We can get more to reenlist and we would not have to recruit as many people."

Connelly explained that personnel management and readiness go hand-in-hand, saying that "You can have all of your vehicles, tanks, howitzers, typewriters and communications equipment ready anywhere in the world, but if you don't have the people to operate all the equipment, your readiness is down. Personnel management must put the right soldier, in the right MOS, in the right place, at the right time, with as little inconvenience to the soldier as possible."

On military benefits, Connelly expressed concern that we are not doing a good enough job of informing soldiers about what benefits they have.

NCO development

"We need to improve on the first line supervisor informing the soldiers they work with on a daily basis," explained the Monticello, GA native. "The young leader, the first line supervisor, and the middle manager often do not organize their tiem and effort to provide the time to talk to soldiers."

Continuing, the Sergeant Major explained, "I'm talking about the time that you wait for the bus or truck to go to the range or take you to your job — break time or time spent waiting for the big event to happen. That is when the first line supervisor has to take the opportunity to inform the troops of those things they need to know."

Presently, first line supervisors are being told to take that same time to teach the soldiers what is in the soldiers manuals, but asserted Connelly, "It can't be all training. Some of the time can be devoted to informing soldiers just what their intangible benefits are."

Expressing his thoughts on the non-commissioned officers corps, he remarked, "We have the proper level of responsibility and authority. Non-commissioned officers, and that includes corporals through sergeants major, must demonstrate the professional ability to carry out their duties and responsibilities on a daily basis. We need to place more emphasis on that."

Connelly commented that a lot of the training soldiers and non-commissioned officers can be done by the many schools and courses of the Army education system.

But he cited a need for more emphasis on NCO development training at the unit level.

"The development of NCO leadership capabilities, the learning of specific duties and responsibilities, and what their authority is to carry out those duties and responsibilities, has to be done mostly in the unit," Connelly declared.

"The schools are primarily concerned with teaching MOS skill," he continued. "Those other-leadership, duties responsibilities, authority — have to be learned in the unit. Simply put, more experienced non-commissioned officers must pass on their experience and knowledge to those who have not been around as long. We don't do that as well as I would like to see. We can also do much in the area of passing that knowledge and experience to junior officers," he added.

"In the units, the main job of a non-commissioned officer is to train soldiers," stated Connelly. "The Army has procedures for weeding out those enlistees who do not possess the proper attitude or cannot make it physically or mentally. Those soldiers who do make it are as good as I have seen since I have been in the Army. They are trainable and we are doing the right things to get them trained. We need to continue to do that."

On pay and inflation, the Sergeant Major explained that the "Lowness of morale, as a result of the pay cap, has not gotten to the point where it affects readiness."

"The pay raise issue is, however, a real concern to our soldiers. I think in the past they were proud to do their part in keeping down the cost of the military, but they've had enough of that now."

The economic issue has had an impact on soldiers and their dependents overseas. Connelly is aware of that.

"The major problem faced by our soldiers overseas, and their dependents, is finding a place to live and paying the high living expenses," he said.

"There have been discussions in Congress and at this headquarters concerning cutting down the number of dependents overseas," he continued. "That is just not right. It is the American way of life to have your family with you, if at all possible. Having dependents accompanying soldiers serving in overseas areas is as essential to the readiness of those units as spare parts."

SQT

Connelly also expressed his views on the Army's Skill Qualification Test program.

"The Skill Qualification Test program is one of the best things to happen to training since I enlisted in the Army," he offered. "We have all the tools necessary to train our soldiers. Now all we have to do is understand those tools."

"We are taking a look at some of the initial results in the SQT program, but we must proceed cautiously. We have to make sure we are doing the right things and insure that we don't make a 'quick fix' that will cause problems further down the road."

He continued, "We have to iron out some of the difficulties before it becomes the management tool that we need. We are going to take this good program and make it better." (ARNEWS)

Help stop rip-offs

During the past few weeks a rash of thefts involving typewriters, particularly the IBM selectric typewriters, have been occuring throughout the Presidio and its sub-posts. Several things appear to be contributing to the problem. The buildings from which the typewriters are stolen have been found unsecured in several cases, and the typewriters have not been bolted to the desks on which they sat.

Thefts of office equipment is a business which nets criminals, both organized and amateur, millions of dollars annually. It is only natural that an enterprising thief will target the Presidio from time to time. But we can stop them.

All office workers must protect the property they use. This is done easily in most cases by making sure their offices are locked at night when they leave. Proper locking procedure requires a check of windows as well as doors, and should include securing easily removeable property, like calculators, in locking cabinets or desks. Secondly, all typewriters should be bolted to desks to make them more difficult to steal. Bolts are available by calling the property book office at 561-3480 and giving them the name and serial number of the typewriter to be bolted.

The PMO crime prevention section is a good source of information on what is currently available to keep your equipment secure. Although there is some confusion about the permissability of marking government property, AR 190-51 does stipulate that marking non-standard government property, such as typewriters, is a level two physical security measure and is encouraged where theft is a threat. Markings should begin with the letters US, to identify the typewriter as government property, and should proceed with a unit or installation code developed by the unit or activity. Such markings alert pawnshop or second hand store owners that the property is stolen, and greatly aids in recovery. Don't forget to challenge strangers in your area, they may be looking for something to steal.

New enlistment policy

Army enlistments are again open to 17-year-old males who have not graduated from high school, according to DA officials.

The Department of the Army has authorized, for the first time since Fiscal Year 78, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) to enlist 17-year-old males who have not completed high school.

Prior to the change, USAREC could enlist 17-year-old males only if they possessed a high school diploma.

The DA announcement stated the change will assist USAREC in meeting the Army's FY 79 active end strength goal.

The Army stopped enlisting 17-year-old non-high school graduates in 1978 because, as a group, their attrition rate was higher than that of high school graduates and older non-high school grads.

DA explained that added recruiting experience and new screening procedures are expected to reduce the number of recruits who don't complete their enlistments.

Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander, during his visit here on Monday, stated that he expected some new criticism over the announcement from critics of the volunteer Army, but felt the move would show positive results over the long run.

Summer jobs help students

The summer Youth Work Program is in full swing here at the Presidio with 105 high school students from throughout the city of San Francisco.

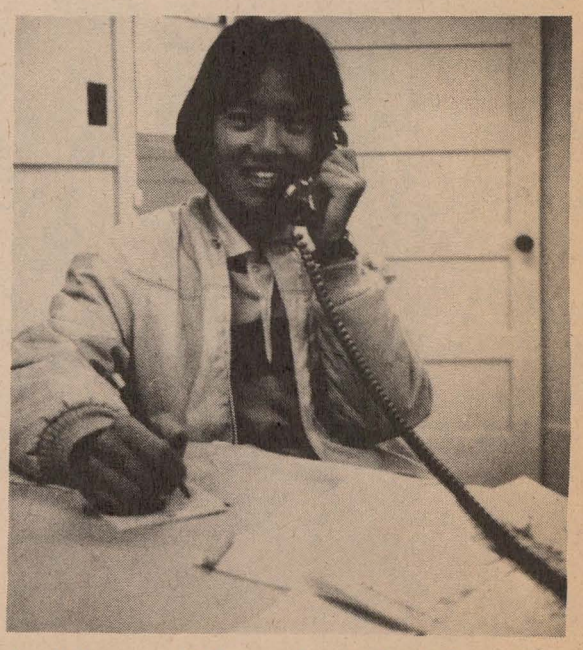
The students are from low income families and come under a Federally Funded program called CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act), and are working at various types of jobs. Most of the students are assigned as typists and clerks, however, others are assisting at the commissary stocking shelves, supply, the nursery, Radiology and Food Service at LAMC, and taking care of the animals at LAIR.

"In past years we have had more students than jobs" said Kathy Morrison, a counsellor in the Youth Work Program, "but this year is different; out of 215 requests for student help we were only able to fill 105 of them due to funding."

"I feel that the program is working out quite well," said Phyllis Tom, Department Head, Youth Work Program, "in fact the number of requests that we get for students speaks for itself."

The summer Youth Work Program lasts for eight weeks from June 18 to August 10 and the students work four hours a day for $2.90 an hour.

"Most of the students work hard and are responsible people," said Morrison, "and they are developing real good work habits."



Michael Lee, **a 10th grade student from George Washington High School, is working as a receptionist at the Civilian Personnel Office and is here under the CETA program.**

Army chaplains: Serving God a

by Tom Tiernan

Since its beginnings in 1775, the Army has had chaplains in its ranks. During these early days they were little more than clerks who read prayers at burials.

In the 204 years that have followed, the role of the Army chaplain has expanded from those original duties to include counseling, educating, soldiering, and many others.

Originally chaplains held no rank. During the Civil War they acquired the rank of captain but did not receive the same pay.

Various grades, from lieutenant to major, were opened to chaplains in 1904. But it wasn't until 1944 that chaplains were able to advance from captain to major general.

First amendment

While the role of the chaplain has played an important part in the life of soldiers, there have been some, outside the Army who have questioned their existence. These critics feel the chaplaincy violates the First Amendment to the Constitution which states: **"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."**

Chaplain (Colonel) Paul Easley feels that such arguments are wrong. "The military isn't like a civilian community. We have an obligation to provide soldiers the opportunity to attend the religious services which are available in the civilian community. You might even say we are helping to guarantee his right to freedom of religion."

Chaplain Easley continued, "the Army doesn't tell us what to preach or how to conduct our services. We are controlled in that aspect by our denominations. So there isn't any conflict between the two."

Some people feel that the chaplain could do their work just as well if they were civilians, supported by their churches rather than the government.

Chaplain Easley doesn't agree with that idea either. "Wearing a uniform identifies you as a member of the team. You know what it's like to be a soldier. You can identify with the pain and anguish that the soldier feels."

"Knowing someone is a member of the team and understands what it's like to be in a particular situation makes it easier for people to communicate with their chaplain," continued Chaplain Easley.

Few people are turned off by seeing a chaplain in uniform. In fact, says Chaplain Easley, most of the time he and his fellow members of the chaplaincy are greeted with, "Good morning, chaplain" or "Hi, chaplain," rather than by the grade or by 'sir.'

The chaplain is perhaps the easiest and possibly the safest persons to talk to in the Army. Whatever is said between you and the chaplain is held in the strictest of confidence.

Army Regulation 165-20 states, Communications between an individual and a chaplain, when the chaplain is acting in his capacity as a clergyman, or spiritual confidant, and any communication which is a formal act of religion, will be recognized as privileged communication."

The rank a chaplain holds doesn't necessarily turn an individual off either, states Chaplain Easely. "Most chaplains aren't worried about rank. We are here to serve the soldiers needs."

As soldiers, chaplains are entitled to all the compensation and benefits of military service. They are also subject to the same rules and regulations as all other soldiers.

Just like any other officer, chaplains are also subject to involuntary release if they fail to get promoted in the given amount of them. But unlike regular Army officers, the chaplain may be pulled from service at any time by his denomination.

According to Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Walter Sauer, this doesn't happen often and when it does it is generally for not following church doctrine.

Role

The military chaplain must follow the directions of the leadership of his church. For Catholic priests, these instructions come through the military ordinariate, headed by Terrence Cardinal Cooke. According to Chaplain (Colonel) Robert Plocki, Cardinal Cooke oversees all matters pertaining to the conduct of the Catholic faith for all of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The chaplain in today's Army does a lot more than conduct services and preach. His roles include being "Minister, preacher, counselor, pastor, administrator of the sacraments, educator, and administrator," says Chaplain Sauer.

The military chaplain is becoming more involved within the military community as a whole. Here at the Presidio the chapel's activities and programs include: youth programs, classes for adults and children, counseling, rap sessions, home visitations, and many others.

Not Sunday only

Chaplain Easely added, "This isn't an 8-5 job. It goes on long past normal duty hours because people still have needs which must be tended to no matter what time it is."

The chaplains job isn't just a one day thing. "Some commanders," says Chaplain Plocki, "think the chaplains work only on Sundays. They don't see the other things that go on during the other days of the week. Sunday is actually the easiest day of all."

According to Chaplain Easley the stress of modern society is causing more and more people to come back to church. "The energy crisis, the economy, and a host of other problems are causing people to reach out for something to believe in, some unknown in which they can trust."

Allocations

The increasing workload is being met by a shrinking number of chaplains. A shortage of priests in the civilian population is also being felt in the Army. To help out in areas where there are shortages of chaplains, the Army hires civilian priests, ministers, and rabbis or turns to the lay members of a particular religion for help.

The number of chaplains in the Army is determined on a base figure of about 750-1000 soldiers per chaplain. Then using the national figure for church membership quotas are then allotted for those denominations who have applied and been approved by the Armed Forces Chaplain Board.

To come into the Army, potential chaplains must have at least 120 semester hours of credit in undergraduate studies and 90 hours in theology or similar subjects. They then go through a series of examinations and interviews with Army officials and screening boards by their religious denomination.

Many potential chaplains have served as ministers or priests before coming on active duty. The average chaplain is 30 years old when he dons his uniform.

The chaplain at Valley Forge

nd country for 204 years

Training

Chaplains are commissioned as captains and are sent to the Chaplains school for a nine week basic course. This training helps to orient them to Army life. They also receive instruction in pastoral care, counseling and communication.

After about 6 to 10 years of service, the chaplain returns to the school for a nine month advance course.

During the course, training is directed toward the chaplain's understanding of command functions, and developing himself as a better counselor.

The chaplains also work on improving their public speaking abilities. Through the use of closed-circuit television, recordings of their performances are sent to Princeton University for evaluation by the speech department. Classmates evaluate the content of the homily or sermon.

Throughout their careers the chaplains have the opportunity to attend many other schools and civilian courses to help improve upon their speciality.

On the battlefield

Chaplains don't always find their churches or parishes in the safe confines of Army bases. Throughout all of the American wars, chaplains have gone onto the battlefield to look after the soldiers both spiritually and to help them deal with the problems of war.

"It's very demanding," says Chaplain Easley. "During war there's no longer any reasonable assurance of survival. There's a greater need to reach out to God."

"A chaplain in a combat zone has to deal with the fear of death, with the problems of family separation, and with his own fears," continued Chaplain Easley.

"You have to be a strong person to keep from getting the same attitude as everyone around you. You have to deal with your own problems and fears and yet help the soldiers to keep his morale high and to remain spiritually strong," he concluded.

Not every chaplain goes on active duty. A force of chaplains serves part-time with reserve and national guard units.

Whether on active duty or reserve status, whether in the chapel, hospital, prison or on the battlefield, Army Chaplains have spent the past 204 years serving God and country.

The chaplain in World War I

The chaplain in Vietnam

New rules govern fund raising

by Betsy Beuke

"Look Joe, you're the only one in the unit who hasn't contributed to CFC this year. And we want 100 percent participation so we can have a training holiday."

Sound familiar? If you hear that line this year, then the person who says it may be violating the Army's policy on fund raising.

Using this tactic to get someone to make a donation is considered coercive. The individual may feel obligated to contribute because of fear of reprisal from within the unit.

This year, however, new rules will affect how the Army runs its Combined Federal Campaign program (CFC). Changes to AR 600-29, fund raising within the Department of the Army, occurred after three soldiers filed a class action suit challenging certain practices related to the Army's participation in the annual CFC program.

The soldiers filed damage claims under the Privacy Act on behalf of themselves and other members of the U.S. Army who may be unwilling to contribute to CFC or who prefer to make their contributions without undue pressure.

The new rules affecting this year's fund drive include:

Supervisors cannot solicit and collect funds from the people they supervise.

Once potential contributors have declined to make a monetary contribution, the key person cannot contact them again.

Key persons may not open sealed envelopes but most forward them through channels.

The changes in Army policy must be emphasized at the kickoff ceremony for fund drives.

Each key person must read the key person's instructions.

Key persons must destroy their copies of the campaign report immediately after they turn in their final report at the end of the campaign.

To ensure that the Army's policy on fund raising is followed, commanders should make sure that:

No list of contributors or non-contributors to CFC are compiled.

Fund drive contributions are made on a truly voluntary basis.

Contributors be given the opportunity to make a confidential gift without fear of censure or criticism.

There is no assignment of a dollar goal or quota for each participant. Dollar goals are authorized at the installation or at base level but percentage goals are prohibited. Emphasizing the importance of achieving 100 percent participation in personal face-to-face solicitation is also considered coercive.

There is no competition among units, harassment of contributors or any practice involving compulsion, coercion or reprisal.

Charts, bulletin boards, special reports, daily bulletin or other announcements, "thermometers," and anything indicating unit standings, progress or percentage of participation are not posted. However, a AAthermometer" may be used at installation level to illustrate the progress of the entire post toward its dollar goal. Unit contributions may not be identified separately.

Awards or rewards for individual ahcievements during a fund drive are not authorized. Comments on efficiency reports, plaques, passes, "training holidays," relief from guard duty or details and all other incentives or rewards to those contributing are prohibited. However, letters of commendation for exceptional performance in the organization or administration of a campaign may be made.

The CFC program, established to reduce government expense, governs private voluntary fund raising among military and civilian employees at their duty stations or places of employment. The program applies to about 5 million military and government employees worldwide. In areas where 200 or more Federal employees are located, CFC is the only fund raising method authorized.

Each CFC solicits all Federal employees, military and civilian, in the area covered by the fund.

Funds collected in the U.S. go to National Health Agencies (NHA), International Service Agencies (ISA), and local United Way (UW) agencies. These agencies include the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, United Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis Association, CARE, Project HOPE, Planned Parenthood, Save the Children and local American Red Cross Chapters.

Money collected during the six-week overseas CFC program goes to NHA, ISA including the USO, and The American Red Cross instead of local United Way agencies. More than one third of the money collected overseas goes to the American Red Cross.

Individuals have the right to give or not to give without undue pressure, or coercion. Persons who choose to contribute to CFC may use one of three options: outright cash gift, cash pledge, or payroll deduction.

A person may also choose to donate his money to particular agencies - for example, 50 percent to the American Cancer Society, 50 percent to a local United Way Agency. Designated pledges are made through pledge cards.

How someone gives, whether they make a contribution or not, is a matter of personal choice. However, trying to pressure someone into giving violates Army policy. So when CFC begins this Fall, stay within the set limits for soliciting contributions. (ARNEWS)

Weeks: Helping soldiers is his job

by Don Terry

"I wanted to get away for a while and do some traveling, and I just wanted to see what the Army was like," said Sp5 Leon Weeks, explaining why he joined the Army.

Weeks, who graduated from Gentry High School in Indianola, Mississippi, in 1974, enlisted in the Army as a Personnel Management Specialist. "I really enjoy working with people and I had planned to get into the management field anyway," he said, adding "The Army is giving me good training and experience."

After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in July 1975, and AIT (Advanced Individual Training) at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Weeks was sent to Fort Hood, Texas, where he worked processing overseas assignments and setting port call dates. "People would come into my office needing help on their PCS processing," he stated "and when they left they were glad that they were through and on their way. It made me feel good to know that I was helping others and I felt like I was really doing my job."

In 1976, Weeks volunteered for Korea. "I didn't mind being in Korea, we had good discipline and high morale. I liked my job and enjoyed the people," said Weeks, " but one year is enough and I don't want to go back."

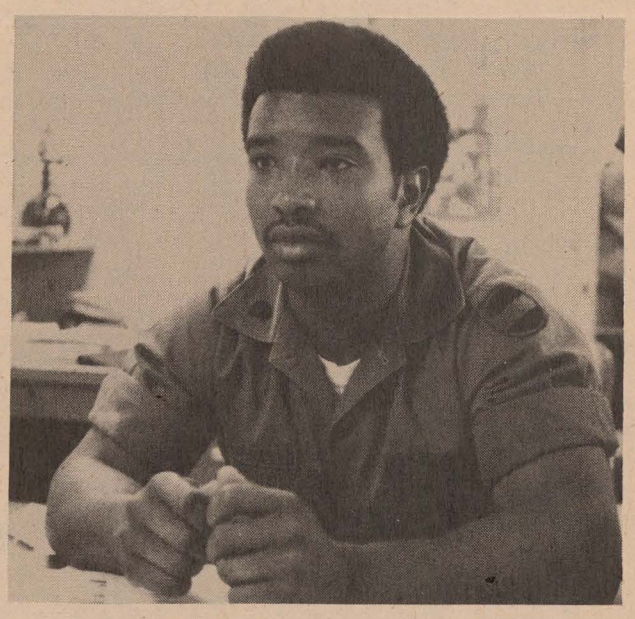
Weeks reenlisted in December of 1977 for Presidio of San Francisco. He had originally requested an assignment here when he first enlisted but there were no openings at the time.

Since arriving here, Weeks has been busy assisting personnel in MOS reclassification, cutting orders and helping individuals apply for service schools.

Weeks was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Army Commendation Medal in 1978.

Weeks enjoys playing football and racquetball, weight lifting, running, wood working, and reading. "I feel that reading is very important and helps keep the mind active." He also has a good philosophy about life that he tries to live by. "I feel that everyone should treat each other as they would like to be treated," he said, "the Army would then be a better place to be."

With a year and a half left on his second enlistment, Weeks is not sure what his plans are at this point. He is currently enrolled in college courses at the education center (accredited through San Francisco State) and plans on continuing his education in Business Administration and Bible Studies.



Sp5 Leon Weeks

AAFES gas allocation

Allocation procedures, which began early this year to distribute available gasoline supplies equitably to all dealers, have been extended to September 1919 by the DOE. A new base period of November 1, 1977 through October 1978 was established by the DOE to determine the gallonage available based upon past demand. Also adjustments for unusual growth in gasoline volume can be made under the new allocation regulations.

AAFES has instituted a program of conservation efforts to distribute the available supply of gasoline as equitably as possible and prevent the liquidation of the monthly allocation prematurely. The most effective element of the program is allocating the monthly gallonage to an equal amount per day and closing the pump islands once that amount has been sold. During this time AAFES has also closed outlets, restricted bulk sales and limited sales. These actions generally coincide with state and county sales control plans. When a local government has odd-even or amount limits, AAFES follows these same rules.

Under the DOE rules and regulations, AAFES is able to establish prices at a "cents-off" differential from the local community average.

The allocation of gasoline has become an everyday way of life for Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) service stations in compliance with Department of Energy (DOE)

AAFES has also experienced an increase in demand as a result of military customers returning to the exchange for gasoline. In the past 12 to 18 months many military customers purchased much of their gasoline requirements from the local civilian community dealers. Since the supply is no longer easily available and prices have increased sharply, the military have returned to exchange service stations and AAFES does not have the allocation to support the increased demand. In addition, external influences such as refinery breakdowns and interruption of the supply lines and delivery have caused spot shortages.

Presidio Sports Round up

Post softball tourney

It will be the "Men of the FBI" against "Mill Valley 666 RADAR" in the finals of the winner's bracket while USAG, 504th MP Bn, LAMC and Department of Medicine will be fighting it out in the loser's bracket of the 1979 Post Softball Tournament.

The FBI behind some solid hitting blasted Dept. of Medicine, 11-4, and 666 RADAR sent Garrison into the loser's bracket with a 18-7 victory.

The 504th MP Bn eliminated PX-Main Store 7-1, to stay alive in the double elimination tournament after losing to Dept. of Medicine 9-6, in the opening round.

After losing to Garrison 16-6, in the initial round, LAMC rebounded and sent the Attorneys home with a 19-5 loss.

LAMC takes on Dept. of Medicine while the Presidio League Champions, 504th MP Bn, will play host to Garrison. The winners will battle each other for the right to play the loser of the FBI and 666 RADAR and a chance of winning the Post Championship.

Golf tourney set

The Seventh Annual Sixth Army Commanding General's Golf Tournament will be played on Friday, August 31, 1979, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. This tournament is open to all members of the Presidio Army Golf Club, the Presidio Golf Club, and to all Army personnel stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco and its sub-posts. This tournament will be a best-ball twosome with a shotgun start at 8:30 A.M. In addition to green fees for non-members of the PAGC/PGC, an entry fee of $5.00 will be made to defray cost of prizes. Prizes will be awarded in individual and team categories. A no-host luncheon will follow at the Presidio Golf Club at 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the PAGC office, Building 347, or by telephoning 561-5391. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis starting August 1. The maximum number of participatns is 72 players. Cut-off date for entries is August 24 with entry fees not refundable after that date.

Stinebaugh wins

Major Jim Stinebaugh, Hqs Co Garrison, shot a 298 in the FORSCOM Golf Tournament at Fort Carson to capture the Senior Division Championship by five shots. Major Stinebaugh has been selected for the All-Army Camp to be conducted at Fort Ord.

Bowling

Trailing LAIR by a half game in the final week, Ron Ealy and his gang from LAMC, won three games from LAIR to capture the Presidio Summer Bowling League Championship.

Ealy led his team with a 697 series on games of 239, 234 and 224. He also established two new summer league records by firing a 731 series with games of 247-226 and 258, and a 211 average for the season.

Baker-to-Baker relay race

The Baker-to-Baker relay run which takes place on Saunday, August 19 starting at 9:00 a.m. invites any team combination of male-male, female-female or male-female in age group divisions. Let's say you pick a female partner — your're 25 and your partner is 24 years old. That makes your combined ages total 49 years, thusly, depending on your gender, you'd fit into the 36-55 TOTAL AGE group for registration. Incidentally, registration will take place on the day of the race between 7:30 and 8:30 AM at the Fort Baker starting point on the Murray Circle Parade Field. The relay is AAU sanctioned and is sponsored by Letterman Army Medical Center. In addition to participating in the relay, Brigadier General Floyd W. Baker, Commander, Letterman Army Medical Center will start the race with what you will see for yourself, is the world's largest starting gun!

Registration is $3.00 per team. Application blanks with all the facts on the race are available at the LAMC Inspector General's Office, Building 1013, Room 117 or the LAMC Main Lobby. You can get additional details by calling 561-3106.

Proceeds go to the Bay Area USO.

Men's softball

The Presidio's Men's Softball Team is currently in first place in the Northern California Armed Forces Softball League with a 12-4 record followed by Travis Air Force Base 11-5. Presidio playing their first home games in over a month swept a double header from Mather AFB on Saturday. Presidio will take on Beale Air Force tomorrow beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Scott Field #1.

CHAMPUS covers home monitors

Home monitors to protect youngsters with prolonged apnea against sudden infant death, or crib death, have been added to the CHAMPUS benefits package, according to Program officials.

To be covered, a monitor must be specifically prescribed by a physician who has diagnosed the infant as having prolonged apnea, a condition in which breathing stops for 20 seconds or longer. Prolonged apnea also includes stoppage of breathing for less than 20 seconds when associated with slowness of heartbeat (bradycardia), bluish discoloration of the skin or mucous membrane caused by too much or too little hemoglobin in the bloodstream (cyanosis), or absence of color in the skin (pallor).

A documentation of both the episode or episodes that led to a diagnosis of prolonged apnea and the prescription for the home monitor must be included with the first claim for the equipment. That claim must also include certification by the physician that he or she will maintain close, continuing supervision of the infant.

Generally, CHAMPUS benefits will be payable only for rental of a home monitor. The only exception will occur when the organization that processes the claim (a CHAMPUS fiscal intermediary) determines that purchase would be less costly and approves a lease/purchase arrangement.

Rental or lease payments made after April 1, 1978, will be considered for CHAMPUS cost sharing. Previously, such equipment had been excluded from the CHAMPUS benefits package because it was considered to play a preventive role only. Recently, however, home monitors have evolved into an effective tool for managing prolonged apnea and preventing sudden infant death.

CHAMPUS officials have noted several services and supplies connected with home monitors that are **not** covered by the Program. These include:

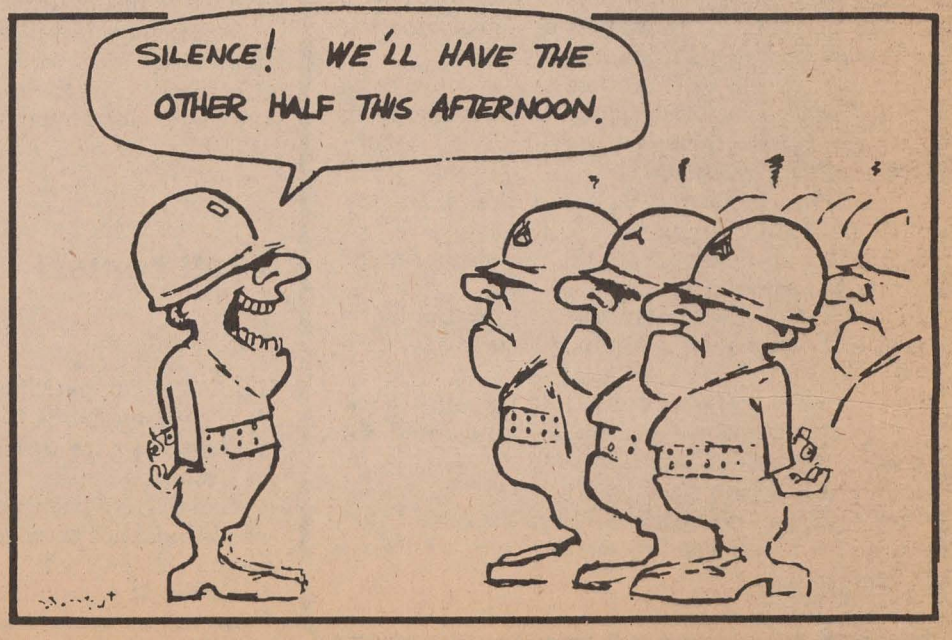
a back-up electrical system or any alteration to living space required for the monitor;

parental training sessions, including training in cardiopulmonary resusitation or instruction in the use of the monitor when identified as a separate charge;

any charge on the part of the company providing the monitor for making available medical, technical, and counseling assistance, and

hospitalization for monitoring a child with diagnosed prolonged apnea unless hospitalization is necessary to treat underlaying diseases or medical conditions that might be contributing to the problem.

For additional information, contact a CHAMPUS advisor or fiscal intermediary. Information can also be obtained from OCHAMPUS, Aurora, CO 80045.



Paperwork blues

By Sp5 Kathy Wright

It seems that every event in one's life requires some kind of paperwork to be filled in and duly processed. For instance, such acts as birth, marriage, divorce and even death are not fully recognized until the proper form is completed.

I thought I had just about seen every kind of government form printed, but recently I discovered I was wrong.

It happened one scorchingly hot morning when I managed to stagger into the office after an "invigorating" session of PT. Upon collapsing in my chair, I began to have visions of a cold thirst-quenching drink. I dug in the depths of my pocket and found one Skilcraft pen, a fuzzy shredded ball of yellow and, to my surprise, a quarter.

I proceeded to the soda machine at the end of the hall. With the change clenched tightly, I reached toward the small slot which would set off a chain reaction and soon bring some relief to my suffering.

Now, I thought, I would be able to satisfy my overwhelming thirst as I heard the coin make its way through the metal interior. I pushed a selection and patiently waited for the can to appear. After a few moments I realized that it was caught in the confines of this mechanical monster. Frantically pushing the coin return arm, I was appalled at the sounds of silence.

No can, no change--nothing.

The sensation of defeat overpowered me as I thought of other countless victims who had been destined to suffer the same misfortune. I wasn't going to permit this machine to triumph again. The only feasible solution (besides kicking hell outa the machine) was to demand reimbursement.

The closest location for obtaining a refund was the snack bar. Explaining my ill luck to the apathetic cashier, she handed me an AAFES Form 6600-9 and told me to fill it out completely in black ink. I glanced over the form as I searched for my pen.

After agonizing over the required responses for several minutes, I finally managed to complete the form and return it to the lady behind the counter. I breathed a sigh of relief as I watched her authorize the refund by her signature.

Now I would not become another casualty in the battle because of an improperly filled out form. A feeling of victory emerged: I had won.

The cashier's voice broke into my thoughts of conquest.

"You'll have to take pennies. I'm all out of change."

Completely devastated, I mumbled a few choice words to help relieve my frustrations.

"Well, if you don't like it," shot back the unsympathetic cashier, "you could fill out a complaint form."

Sp5 Kathy Wright is a Troop Brigade Information Specialist at Fort Benjamian Harrison, Ind.

News Notes

Rec Center news

WORLD FAMOUS LIPIZAN STALLION SHOW: Tickets are still on sale for July 28 at 2:30 p.m. in Oakland. There are great seats available at special reduced prices. Adult tickets are $4.50 (a $2.00 savings). Child tickets are $3.25. Tickets go on sale after 4 PM daily, in the LOG CABIN, 561-5420.

Education Center news

Mr. Jon Trop, representative for Pepperdine University, will be on post Wednesday, August 1, 1979 to discuss the Master of Arts degree program in Human Resources Management offered at Treasure Island Naval Support Activity.

The program is open to all active duty personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. All interested persons are invited to attend this orientation to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Training classroom of the Civilian Personnel office, Bldg. 37. For further information contact Judy Lewis, Pepperdine University Coordinator, Telephone 391-3236.

The fall term begins before Labor Day at a number of local colleges, including courses offered by San Francisco State University on the Presidio. Registration is now under way at the Education Centers at Ft. Scott (Bldg. 1216) and LAMC (Bldg. 1007) for the following four courses which meet two nights per week, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. August 13th - October 5th:

Elementary Algebra (Math 103) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Broomas. This is a beginning algebra course equivalent to the first year of high school algebra. If you missed it in high school, this is your chance to take it for college credit.

Second Year Composition (Eng 107) Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Heinbockel. This is a second semester writing course with emphasis on the longer essay and term paper. Open to those who have completed Eng 106 or who achieve a satisfactory score on an English test given at the Ed Ctr.

Motor Vehicles (Man the Consumer, DI 310), Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Best. This course, an elective carrying upper division credit, covers everything you as a consumer should know before you purchase your next new or used car, van, camper, motorcycle or other vehicle. First time on post - don't miss it!

General Psychology (Psych 200) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Bloch. This is a standard introductory course in psychology. Counts as social science requirement toward a degree. Students often select this as their first college course.

Tuition is $120 per course. Active duty personnel may apply for 75 percent Army Tuition Assistance until August 7th, or use GI Bill benefits if eligible. Dependents and other civilians are also welcome to attend these on-post courses.

Chaplain anniversary

The United States Army Chaplaincy will observe its 204th anniversary July 29 at worship services at all Presidio chapels. Protestant services will be conducted at the Post Chapel with Chaplain (MG) Charles E. Brown, Jr. (RET), former Chief of Chaplains of the Army as guest minister. Chaplain Brown will preach at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Chaplain Brown is also a former post Chaplain.

A special solo will be sung by Mrs. Johnson accompanied by Mrs. Agee, and the Post Chapel Chancel Choir will sing. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information call Post Chapel, 561-4711 or 4719.

Craft contest

The Post Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122, will host the Presidio level competition to recognize good design and fine craftsmanship. Competition will be conducted in two groups with three categories each.

Groups:

Group I. Novice or amateur. Personnel whose crafts skills have not been gained in formal education leading to college credit.

Group II. Accomplished or experienced personnel who have gained skill/knowledge through formal courses leading to credit in college or art school.

Categories:

Category 1 — Decorative Crafts. Items considered to be personal adornment or used for environmental enjoyment such as wall hangings, masks, cases, small sculpture, jewelry, enamels, etc.

Category 2 — Functional Crafts. Objects that are primarily utilitarian such as pottery, textiles, leather, toys, implements, containers, or the like.

Category 3 — Large Crafts. Items such as furniture, sculpture, and large constructions that are too large to exhibit or ship.

Judging process:

Category 1 and 2 entries will be judged by viewing and handling the completed objects.

Category 3 entries will be judged from a presentation made on a 24" x 28" illustration board prepared to include the following:

Three drawings of the detail plans.

Four photographs or sketches showing the development of the project.

Five photographs showing the completed project and the extent of craftsmanship required.

Any other information such as sample materials and colors which will aid the judges in their evaluation of the work.

The Presidio level contest is open to all military, dependents, retired military, reservists, and DA Post civilians, however only military entires can be forwarded for competition at the FORSCOM/Army level. Non-military contestants will be charged a $1.00 entry fee per object. There is no fee for active duty military.

The contest deadline is August 31, with judging being held Sat., September 1. Cash awards will be given in each category; cash awards will also be given at the FORSCOM and Army levels of competition. For entry blanks and additional contest rules stop by the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122, or call 561-4497. Hours of operation: Tues-Fri 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

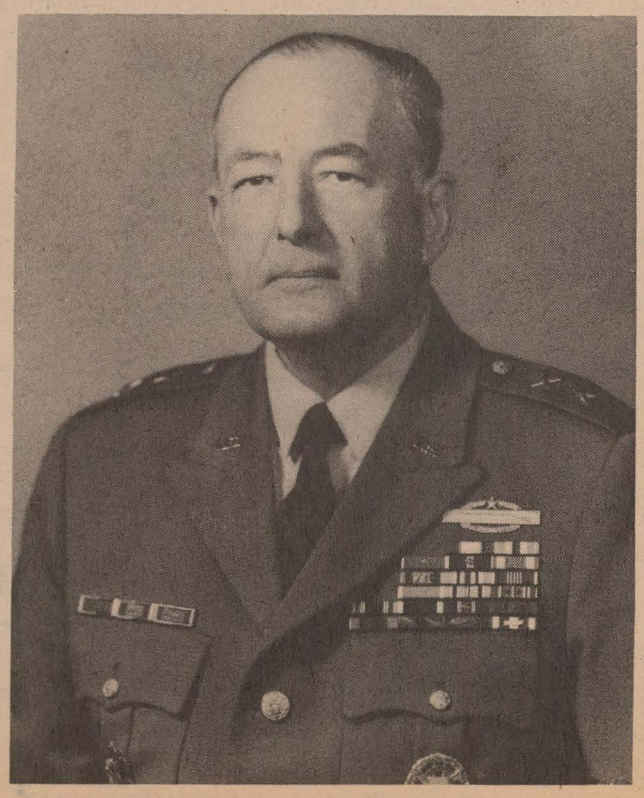
Photo class

An Intermediate Photography Class will begin August 21 and will be held every Tuesday evening, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., for eight weeks duration. The instructor is David Black. If you are interested stop by the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122, or call 561-4497 for registration. Active duty military will be given priority, however, in case of space available. Retired military, dependents, reservists and DA Post Civilians are urged to sign-up also.

Sniffin arrives

Major General Charles R. Sniffin, has become the new deputy commander of Sixth Army and commander of Readiness Region IX.

General Sniffin's past assignment was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff Representative, Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington D.C., and Vienna, Austria.



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BRIEFLY

Advance pay

(Washington)—Soldiers going overseas or to certain high cost areas in CONUS will have 12-months to pay back advanced pay, DA personnel officials announced recently.

Recent changes to the DOD pay manual give unit command commanders the authority to approve an extra six months to repay advances.

Soldiers may draw up to three months' advance pay when changing stations. However, now only one month's advance pay may be drawn at the old duty station and two month's pay at the new unit.

In the past soldiers were allowed to draw advance pay up to 30 days after arriving in the new station. Now soldiers have up to 60 days, officials said.

Pay back will automatically be set for six months, according to a DA spokesman, unless soldiers request the additional six months through their unit. Soldiers stationed in other than high cost areas in CONUS may also request an extra six months, officials said, but the major command must approve the request.

Admin leave

(Washington)—People traveling on permanent change of station moves in their privately owned vehicles may now be granted administrative leave in addition to travel time if the situation warrants it, according to DA officials. This change affects those people experiencing delays enroute to their next duty station because of the gasoline crunch.

According to the change in the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), individuals may be authorized additional time when delayed for reasons beyond the servicemembers' control. These reason may include acts of god, restrictions by governmental authorities, difficulties in obtaining fuel for privately owned vehicles, or other reason which satisfy the member's new commander.

The new commander will determine how much administrative leave time the person will be allowed; according to the JTR. The member will provide the commander with a full explanation of the circumstances which delayed him enroute. The explanation together with the commander's approval or disapproval will be attached to the member's travel voucher so he will not be charged leave. No per diem is paid for administrative leave.

OCS TDY

Those soldiers selected for the Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate Course (BIOCC), at Fort Benning, GA, and assigned entry-level specialty II, Infantry, will be assigned PCS to Fort Benning, according to MILPERCEN officials. All other candidates will attend in a TDY enroute status.

In addition, those candidates selected for Ranger Training following completion of BIOCC may also be assigned PCS to Fort Benning.

These are changes from a previous MILPERCEN announcement concerning the assignemtn status of candidates selected to attend the BIOCC beginning in Spetember.

MILPERCEN will assign an entry-level specialty, officer basic course and ultimate duty assignment before the candidates leave the old station. TDY enroute for BIOCC and officer basic course will also be annotated on the PCS orders for those candidates attending in a TDY status.

The new procedure allows soldiers whose assignment will be in CONUS to leave their families in their current housing or move them to the new unit before going TDY. Soldiers whose assignments will be overseas may leave their families in current housing until they complete TDY.

Col Hall assumes Presidio command

Colonel F. Whitney Hall, Jr., became the 202nd commander of the Presidio of San Francisco during ceremonies held Tuesday.

The ceremony also marked the retirement of Colonel John D. Hamilton Sr., who had served over 31 years in the Army. He became the Presidio's 201st commander in 1977.

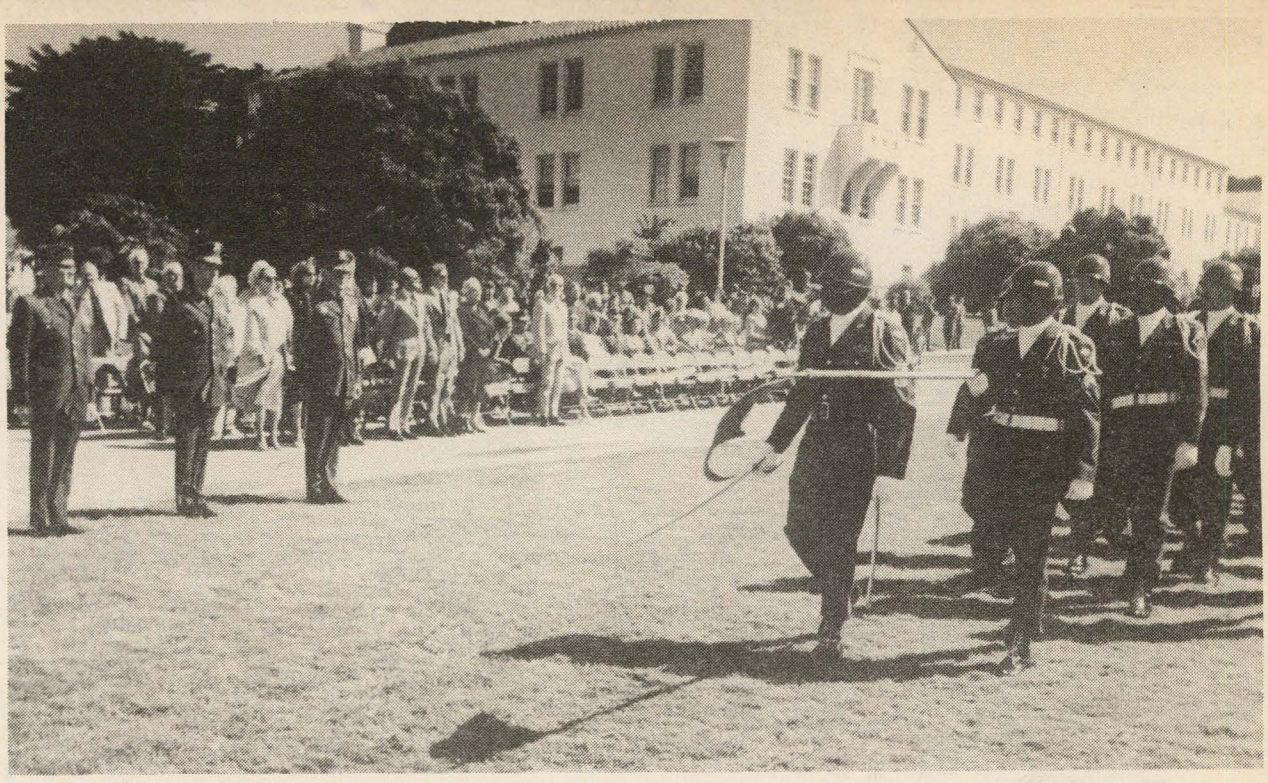
Col Hall comes to the Presidio from Washington D.C., where he served as course director at the National War College.

The new Presidio commander is a 1957 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. His past assignments have taken him to Vietnam, Germany, West Point and Washington D.C.

The Change of Command ceremony featured an all NCO review. Command Sergeant Major George Cruz, of the 504th MP Battalion was the commander of the honor guard formed by soldiers from HQ Co, USAG and the 504th MP Battalion.

On hand to pass the post flag from Col Hamilton to Col Hall was Brigadier General Robert A. Hollomon, III Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Forces Command.

PASSING THE COLORS... Brigadier General Robert A. Holloman, III, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at FORSCM hands Colonel F. Whitney Hall the Presidio of San Francisco flag signaling Col Hall's assumption of command of the post. (Photo by John Green)



PASSING IN REVIEW.. First Sergeant Jimmy Dalton of HQ Co, USAG leads his soldiers during the pass in review portion of the Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by John Green)

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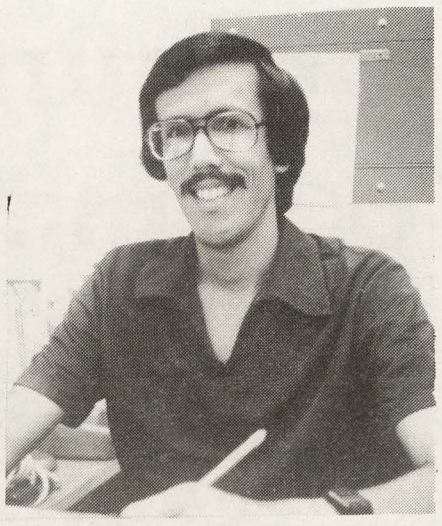
Ramblin' Sam

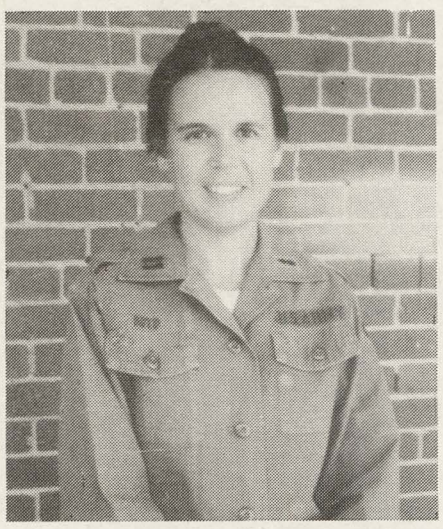
What are you doing to fight inflation?

Mr. Robert Darling—Sports Specialist—"We use a lot more coupons and try to resist the temptation to spend money and carry less of it with us. We all need to make some changes in our life style and lead a simpler life."



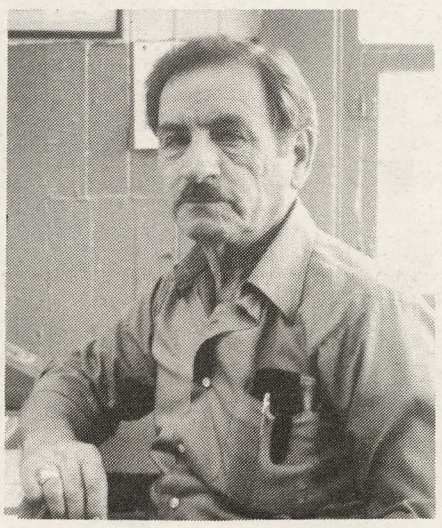
Sgt. Tom Summers—170th MP Co.—"It's really difficult to fight inflation because we still have to eat and we still need clothes but we try to be more conservative."

Sgt. Harold Simpson—Welcome Center—"I try to conserve energy but for the most part the Army provides me with what I need so there isn't much I can do except stick to a strict budget."



Capt. Sundra Boyd—CO, HQ Co. USAG—"I shop for sale items and I live on a budget. I cook my own meals and make my own clothes, and I consolidate my trips to save on gas."

Mr. Dick Emswiler—Dispatch Supervisor TMP—"I shop very sparingly and stay at home. I also have my own vegetable garden, peach, plum and apple trees and grapes."



Chaplains' Corner

by Chaplain Norris Webster

For years I assumed I was being greeted and the question did not require an answer. It was like, "How are you?" "How are things going?" "Good morning!" or "Good afternoon!", etc.

After being greeted repeatedly by a fine Sergeant Major, "What's the good word?', it finally occurred to me he was really asking for something, a good word, that I was not providing. After all, as a chaplain I'm supposed to have that "word"—or he thought I did.

Desiring the right word at the right time seems like a simple request until I reviewed those moments when no "word" seemed adequate in crisis and in appreciation.

The perfect "word" had seemed inadequate in trying to console the sorrowing and disappointed. Equally it had been difficult to express appreciation to friends for their loyalty, support, and love in farewell speeches.

People always deserve so much more than just the good word. As inadequate as it may be, there is no substitute for the good word—not even one's presence.

Thus, in trying to understand what my SGM friend really expected from me, what good word, I began offering suggestions. I offered only one word per daily greeting. These "words" sounded good but, did not satisfy the question of life.

Finally one morning as I heard the question, "What's the good word?', I replied: "I'm glad you have kept asking me this question. The answer depends on you."

The "good word" for many is BELIEVE, which is one of the greatest life-changing words I know. What an incredible difference it makes to believe in oneself, in other people, and to believe God!

BELIEVE is more than just giving assent to a truth. Objectively, I believed for years it was possible to descend from an airplane in flight.

The "good word" for all of us is BELIEVE. It is the kind of believing that demands involvement, investment, and running risks. It has been called the "leap of faith," the "committment of life," and the "surrender of will."

There is a second "good word" for the few who really BELIEVE; that word is LOVE. What a challenge it is to love life in a hostile environment; to love people and like things, rather than the opposite; to love God as he loves us.

The "good word" came from the one who is called the WORD and said of Himself, "I am the **Way,** the **Truth** and the **Life."** Like the Sergeant Major, we all need our "GOOD WORD" all the time.

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Burgess: MP with a quick draw

by Don Terry

"It just seems to be a natural thing with me," said Sp4 Anthony Burgess, illustrator for the 504th MP Battalion. "I've been interested in art since I was a junior in high school."

While attending Pike High School in Indianapolis, Ind., Burgess was busy wih classes involving drafting, advanced Architecture, photography and art. During the last two years he also attended a vocation school in commercial art to help get him on the road to becoming a professional commercial illustrator.

After graduating from high school in 1975, Burgess took a detour, becoming the manager of the clothing store where he had been working since age 16.

"I moved into my own apartment when I was in the tenth grade and worked for a men's clothing store," explained Burgess. "I worked hard and eventually became the district manager and then a regional manager for five states."

Burgess was also a regional buyer which required him to attend fashion shows and to make bids on clothing from around the world.

The travel and the long hours soon grew tiresome and Burgess quit his job. "Between working 80 to 85 hours a week and all the traveling that I was doing, I was never home long enough to make any friends or to keep the ones that I did have," Burgess commented.

In October 1977, Burgess enlisted in the Army and was sent to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for basic training and AIT as a military policeman. "I did alot of art work while in basic training," said Burgess, "it was like being the company clerk making graphs and charts and other art work that I was asked to do. I even painted a cavalryman on a horse in the CO's office."

After completing his training and serving as a recruiter's aide for two months, Burgess arrived at the Presidio in March 1978.

Since arriving here his duties have included making briefing charts, map overlays, signs, training aids, and doing some work for the **Star Presidian.** In 1978 he made a commemorative post card. "It's real challenging to be able to meet the deadlines," remarked Burgess. "I would like to be able to spend more time, however, improving the quality of my work."

Art isn't Burgess's only interest. In 1974 he won the Golden Glove Award in the Lightweight division on a boxing team of the Amature Athletic Association. He currently enjoys tennis and jogging.

Photography and riding his motorcycle fill the rest of Burgess's off-duty hours.

ARTIST AT WORK... Sp4 Anthony Burgess, illustrator for the 504th MP Battalion, at work.

Fort Baker family 'evicted' from home

Story and Photo by Don Norton
Western Region Recruiting Command

An entomologist team from the Presidio's Facility Engineers Directorate office evicted a horde of humming, long-term residents at Western Region Reruiting Command Headquarters recently, but it was all in a good cause.

The eviction was a pre-requisite for the completion of repairs of the headquarters building roof. The roof-top crew couldn't get the job done in their presence.

"**Bees,** that's what they were, bees," a member of the roofing crew said. "Not just a few but swarms of them."

"Swarms" wasn't even a completely, accurate term. When the four-man task force from the Energy and Environment Control Office arrived, they found not swarms but an entire colony.

"They (the bees) had constructed a king-size honeycomb under and in the eaves (structure) of the two-story, white brick building," said post entomologist James Eldridge. He added that the hive extended for the entire length of the roof at the building's rear side.

"We're not sure how long they've been there," Eldridge said, "but from the looks of the hive, it's probably around 15-years." He added that some of the pieces of removed comb were two and three-feet long.

Eldridge said they probably could have sped-up the eviction process through the use of a high-potency insecticide but he regards that as an emergency, last-ditch method.

"That's a no-no," he said, shaking his head. "You use insecticide and you kill hundreds from the colony. You'll probably destroy the colony, itself.

"We'd rather save as many of the bees as possible by capture and transportation to another area," Eldridge said. The trick, he said, is to capture the brood queen without harming her and causing the colony society as little disorder as possible.

It's a trick easier said than done.

In the case of Fort Baker's Western Region Headquarters Building 636, it amounted to two-days use of a ladder-truck, pouring-in smoke screens and prying up eaves sideboard. It also involved, as one team member said, "a great deal of care."

"Another part of the job in a case like this is to eliminate the old hive," Eldridge said. "As a rule, some of the colony will try to return and rebuild."

Even before the entomologists had called it quits for the first day, some of the humming adversaries were back trying to rebuild at the roof's peak. The environmentalist crew's answer was a return trip a few days later to complete the task.

"An important advantage in our method is the fact that you allow the colony to regenerate," a team member said. "Rather than destruction, you have a 'healthy' save rate."

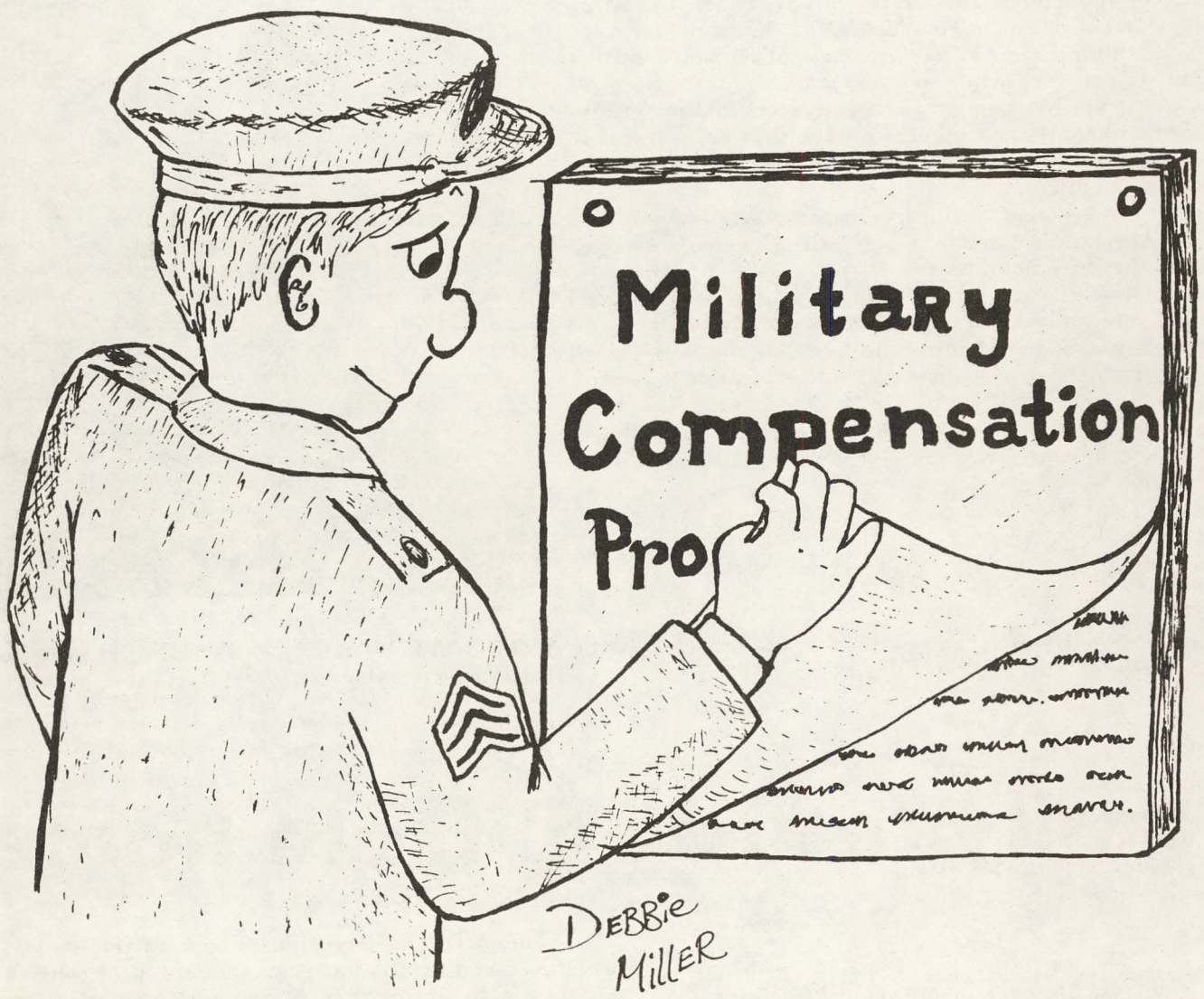
Entomologist Silas Hoedlay said that judging "save" percentages was always difficult but if you can salvage 50 or 60 percent of the colony strength, you're doing well.

"We probably did better than that here (at Fort Baker)," he said. "It was probably nearer to 80 or 90 percent."

The roofing personnel were back on the job last week and, they too, had grins to spare. They were on the roof, finishing their repairs and this time, there were no buzzing, roof-top adversaries to interfere.

UNDER ATTACK—Entomologist Silas Hoedlay lifts out a piece of honeycomb under a barrage of attacking bees during the process of breaking down a 15-year-old hive under the eaves of Western Region Recruiting Command Headquarters at Fort Baker. Team-mate and fellow worker from the Presidio of San Francisco's Facility Engineers Directorate Eric Larson is at right.

A peek at the Military Compen



Editor's Note: The following story was compiled from ARNEWS releases

The President has sent Congress a proposal to overhaul the military retirement system. If adopted, this system would give soldiers more options in their military careers.

The benefits offered in the **DOD Military Compensation Proposal** may affect officers and enlisted soldiers from five years of active service through the rest of their lives.

The proposed system would apply to soldiers who enter the Army after the system goes into effect and others who choose to participate in the new program. If passed by Congress this fiscal year the new system would become effective on October 1, 1981.

The present retirement system has no provision for early benefits and soldiers must wait until they serve 20 years to receive annuities. However, a major feature of the proposed system would allow soldiers to begin receiving some of their benefits after 10 years.

Early withdrawal

Through the **"Early Withdrawal option"** soldiers who complete 10 years of service would be able to withdraw cash benefits immediately, instead of waiting for retirement or old age.

The most a soldier could withdraw would be one month's basic pay for each year of service for the first ten years. The payment would be computed on the soldier's base pay at the time the decision to withdraw is made.

For example, an E-5 with 10 years service could make a cash withdrawal of 10 month's base pay totaling $7,210. An 0-4 with the same amount of service could withdraw $16,220. Thereafter, an additional two month's base pay could be withdrawn after each year of service, up through completion of the 15th year (20 months pay is maximum available after 15 years service).

Soldiers who postpone making a withdrawal until they've completed 15 years service and then make a lump sum withdrawal would receive about 10 percent more because the amount would be based on the current base pay rate. An 0-4 who decides to make a lump sum withdrawal after 15 years would receive $35,840. An E-6 would receive $17,125.

Making a maximum cash withdrawal however, reduces the pension a soldier would receive at retirement after 20 years service by about 24 percent (28.5 percent of base pay instead of 37.5) until age 60 when old-age benefits begin.

An E-6, for example, who retires after 20 years of service and has made the maximum withdrawal would be entitled to receive a yearly pension of $2,909 (as opposed to $3, 827 if no withdrawals had been made). An 0-5 retiring at 20 years would be entitled to a reduced yearly pension of $7,045 as a result of making the maximum cash withdrawal (as opposed to $9,992 if no withdrawal had been made).

Soldiers making their withdrawals between their 10th and 19th years who then separate before completing 20 years service would not be eligible for old age annuities. They may restore their old-age pension upon repaying the early withdrawal amount (adjusted to the current pay scale at the time of repayment) within five years.

A

Pension percentages

Years	Old System	First Level	Age 60
10	0.0%	0.0	22.5
15	0.0	0.0	35.0
20	50.0	37.5	48.75
25	62.5	50.0	62.5
30	75.0	62.5	76.25
35	75.0	75.0	76.25

B

Pension plan comparison

Years	Grade	Current	Level One Full	Proposed Reduced	Old Age (Age 60)	Age 65
10	E-5	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$1839	$1119
15	E-6	0	0	0	3596	2513
20	E-6	5382	3827	2909	5110	3769
22	E-7	7183	5017	3955	7085	5061
26	E-8	10610	7522	6233	10650	7684
30	E-9	13705	10830	9270	13934	11413
10	0-4	0	0	0	3738	2946
15	0-4	0	0	0	7062	5964
20	0-5	13325	9992	7045	12051	10644
25	0-6	19480	14805	10917	17723	15994
30	0-6	25353	21127	15544	24437	22502

NOTES: ALL AMOUNTS ARE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, LEVEL ONE PENSIONS ARE SHOWN AS FULL (NO EARLY WITHDRAWALS) AND REDUCED (MAXIMUM EARLY WITHDRAWALS).

C **B**

E-4 AT 5 YRS

Years to first benefit.....
Cash immediately available.....
Cash available in 5 years.....
Addtl cash available in 10 years.....
Annual pension available in 15 years.....

E-6 AT 10 YRS

Years to first benefit.....
Cash immediately available.....
Additional cash available in 5 years.....
Yearly pension available in 10 years.....

nsation Proposal

Soldiers completing 20 years service who have made early withdrawals would be able to repay their early withdrawal (adjusted) to restore their first level pension to age 60.

Any soldier who completes more than 20 years active service can make a lump sum withdrawal at any time as long as he or she has not been awarded retired or retainer pay.

Retirement pension

Eligibility for retirement pensions would also begin after 10 years of active service under the new system. Soldiers who complete at least 10 years but less than 20 years would be eligible for an old-age pension beginning at age 60.

This pension would be based on a percentage of the average base pay of the highest two years active duty pay. (This average would be derived by totalling the highest 24 consecutive months' base pay and dividing by two.) **Table A** compares years of active service with the percentages for the old-age pension.

Soldiers completing at least 20 years active service would be eligible for immediate retirement pension benefits under the new system. But the amount of the pension would not remain at a fixed percentage as under the current system.

The first level pension begins upon retirement and is received until age 60. The second level, or old-age, pension began at age 60. **Chart B** shows the percentages of base pay (high two year average) for the two levels compared with the old system.

One other feature of the proposed retirement system would go into effect when a retiree begins to receive social security pension. This feature, social security offset, would reduce the military pension by an amount representing the government's contribution to the social security pension.

Under the proposed system, there would be an offset of 1¼ percent per year of service, say DOD officials. This offset would be computed only on the basis of military earnings over the full military career. Members with identical military careers would receive the same offset, even if their civilian careers were different, according to officials.

The offset would involve reduction of a soldier's military pension upon becoming eligible for a social security pension, the officials explained.

For example a retiree who had served 20 years active duty would have a 25 per cent Social security offset, (1¼ percent X 20 years). Once the social security pension begins, the retiree's military pension would be reduced by 25 percent of the social security pension earned during his 20 years active duty. Social security benefits earned because of a civilian job will not be included.

The social security offset provision would apply to all soldiers who come under the proposed retirement system and who serve at least 10 years on active duty. The maximum offset would be 50 percent regardless of active service longer than 33 years.

Under the proposed new compensation system, both officer and enlisted soldiers involuntarily separated with more than five but less than 20 years active service would receive severance pay.

Now only officers are eligible for severance pay. The amount is based on two months base pay per year of service up to a maximum of $15,000.

Under the administration's proposal, both officers and enlisted soldiers would be eligible and the amount would be based on five percent of annual base pay per year of service with no ceiling.

Anyone involuntarily separated after 10 years active service would be eligible for cash withdrawal of retirement benefits.

If the cash withdrawal is taken, however, the entitlement to an old-age pension starting at age 60 will be lost.

Severance pay would be cut in half for those separated for "unsatisfactory or substandard performance of duty; for moral or professional dereliction; or in the interest of national security," acording to the proposal.

President adjusts

Another aspect of the proposed compensation proposal would give the President authority to adjust pay levels to meet soldiers' needs.

Presently, the President can take up to 25 per cent of the annual pay raise approved by Congress and put it into quarters and subsistance allowances. A provision of the new system would allow the President to use this portion to make changes within the pay scale based on grade or longevity as well.

For example, base pay for recruits is presently only 83 percent of the federal minimum wage. The provision would enable the president to adjust E-1 base pay up to the minimum wage by giving a smaller percentage pay raise to the other grades.

The provision could also be used to encourage reenlistment by increasing the pay grade at certain year levels. For example, an E-4 with three years service now earns about $564. An E-4 with four years earns about $608, an increase of only $44. With the provision, this raise could be made larger and others smaller.

Currently, changes in the pay scale can be made only by Congress.

Recruiting

DOD expects the new Military Compensation Proposal, which was sent to Congress July 17, to keep soldiers in the Army longer and thereby easing recruiting problems.

Under the present system, only 11 percent of enlisted soldiers and 25 percent of officers serve a full 20 years and receive retirement benefits, according to DOD officials. Under the proposed system, however, there would be an increasing selection of benefit options beginning upon completion of only 10 years active service.

At the end of a soldier's first enlistment, the cash withdrawal option or the old-age pension option at 10 years service is near enough in time to have an effect on the reenlistment decision.

The increase in the first-term reenlistment rate under the new plan would reduce the requirement for new recruits accordingly.

Upon completion of 10 years service, early cash withdrawal benefits rise sharply for the soldier, up through the 15th year.

Because of this steep increase in cash benefits available to the soldier, officials do not forsee a mass exodus from the service at the 10 year mark.

Because no further increases in the early cash withdrawal feature occur between 16 and 20 years service, officials predict a decline in soldier population in those years of service groups.

Longer careers (21-30 years) would be encouraged by the new plan, said officials, because pension benefits rise sharply through those years.

Chart C illustrates early compensation benefits under the new plan.

Officer retention patterns will be similar to those of the enlisted force under the new plan, observed DOD officials. It is likely, officials state, that more officers will opt for a 10 to 20 year career, with fewer staying 2 years. After 20, promotion opportunity would usually determine whether or not an officer remains in the service.

Another feature tied into the new proposal which impacts on recruiting and retention is that soldiers who chose the new plan must serve four more years on active duty. This acive duty commitment, officials state, will be added to any other active duty obligation the soldier had prior to electing the new system. The total of the present service commitment plus the additional four years accepted upon choosing the new system will not exceed six years however, according to officials.

Retire after 20 years with a 50 percent pension for life or, opt for the new retirement system featuring early cash withdrawals and old age benefits? This is the choice soldiers will have to make if Congress approves the proposed compensation system.

More options

The **"Uniformed Services Retirement Benefits Act"** would automatically apply to anyone joining the Army for the first time on or after the effective day of the act.

Anyone already on active duty, including reservists, recruits in the delayed entry program, obligated ROTC cadets, West Point Cadets and anyone with prior military service will be able to choose the new system or remain under the old.

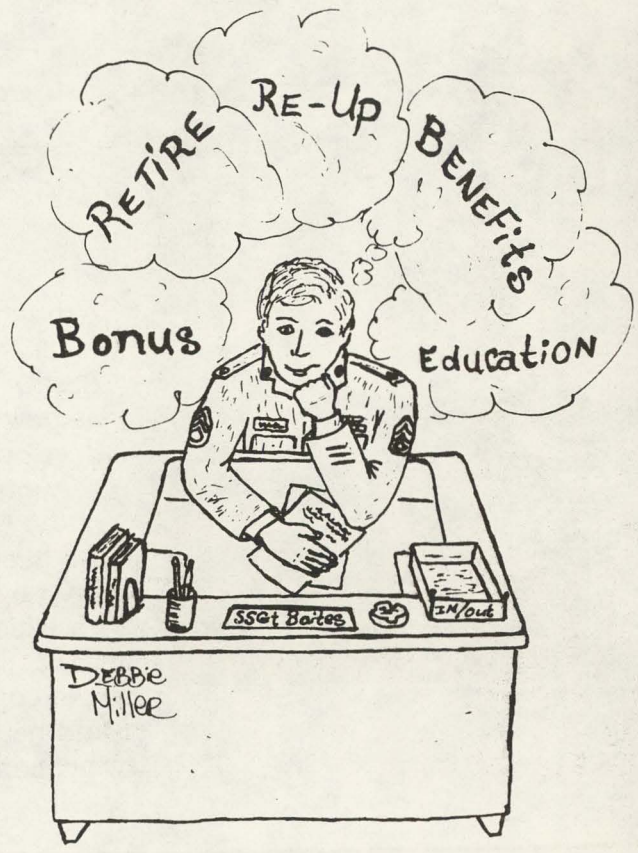
Anyone choosing the new system and leaving the Army at 10 years or after will remain on a "Contingency Status List" until his active and inactive service, and his time on the list total 20 years.

A person on the list is not required to participate in any training but will be required to report any change of address. In event of war or a national emegency, people on the list may be ordered to active duty if it is determined there are not enough reserve component soldiers.

Soldiers with less than 20 years active service may decide to participate in the new system at any time they are on active duty.

Soldiers with 20 or more years service may elect the new system at any time they are on active duty as long as they have not been awarded retired or retainer pay.

The transfer to the new system would be a one-way street, however. Once the new system is chosen, a return to the old system would not be allowed. (ARNEWS)



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	URRENT SYSTEM	PROPOSAL
	15	5
	$ 0	$ 0
	0	7,212
	0	8,562
	$5,382	2,909
	10	NOW
	$ 0	$7,893
	0	8,562
	$5,382	$2,909

E-6 WHO RETIRES AT 20 YRS		
Immediate yearly pension	5,382	2,909
Yearly pension at age 60	5,382	4,975
Yearly pension at age 65 Military	5,382	3,769
Social Security	5,500	5,500
Total	10,882	$9,269

E-8 WHO RETIRES AT 26 YRS		
Immediate yearly pension	$10,610	$6,233
Yearly pension at age 60	10,610	9,349
Yearly pension at age 65 Military	10,610	7,684
Social Security	5,000	5,000
Total	$15,610	$12,684

AAFES refund policy explained

Having problems getting that refund or adjustment from your PX? How about exchanging that wrong-size shirt you bought last week?

The Army and Air Force Exchange service has programs to cover all of that and more.

There are certain things a customer is required to have in order to get a refund or be able to exchange an article at an AAFES outlet. But the AAFES mission of "providing service, quality merchandise and value... requires a liberal refund and adjustment policy," stated an AAFES spokesman. "Every product or service offered by AAFES is backed by the policy, "Satisfaction guaranteed or your money cheerfully refunded."

Refunds of the full purchase price, or fair adjustment, will be made on all merchandise purchased in AAFES, Navy Resale System or Marine Corps exchange service outlets in cases of customer dissatisfaction, according to the spokesman.

The AAFES policy of "satisfaction guaranteed" applies to exchanges of all service because many military personnel are not able to return unsatisfactory merchandise where it was purchased due to change of duty stations.

However, merchandise returns are to be processed at the same exchange system where the original sale was made," the official added, "except when no similar facility exists within 50 miles of the soldier's new duty station."

"Customers are required to present a sales slip and/or a cash register receipt in order to obtain a refund or adjustment," he added. "If a customer does not have a sales slip or cash register receipt, request for refunds or adjustments will be referred to the facility manager, where each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

"Additionally, the facility manager's approval is required for all refunds or adjustments of $10 or more," he added. Requests for refunds or adjustments for items under $10 do not require a sales slip, cash register receipt or the facility manager's approval.

There are certain guidelines which AAFES personnel must follow in making refunds and adjustments. Full credit toward replacement or refund of the full purchase price will be aimed at the customer's request when:

The item is in new, unused condition and 45 days or less have elapsed since the date of purchase.

The item is found to be defective within 45 days or less after initial use by the customer and the defects are covered under terms of the manufacturers' warranty.

An item not covered by warranty is defective, as determined after inspection by store management, and is returned within 45 days after the purchase.

AAFES also has programs and policies to cover partial refunds, replacements or adjustments in which the facility management and the customer determine the amount of refund or adjustment, the official remarked.

Denial of a refund or partial refund can only be made by exchange managers, or a designated representative, and only under the following conditions:

When the merchandise cannot be identified as an item authorized for sale in an AAFES outlet.

When there is adequate reason to believe that fraud or other misuses of AAFES assets is involved.

When merchandise is special ordered or made to a customer's specifications (custom made). If, however, the item was not properly prepared due to an AAFES error, replacement or refund can be authorized.

"Denial of refund will also occur if AAFES records show that the customer owes money to AAFES for a dishonored check," explained the AAFES spokesman. "The amount owed AAFES for the dishonored check must be paid before AAFES will approve a request for refund."

When the customer requests a refund or deposit or interim payment on a layaway initiated at another exchange. In such instances, the exchange will assist the customer in completing a request for layaway payments refund. The completed form will be forwarded to the accounting office which services the exchange where the layaway was initiated.

Requests for refunds should not, however, be made to a concessionaire cashier such as a Barber Shop or Tailor Shop cashier. "The customer should be prepared to provide the building number where the machine is located, type of machine and reason for refund."

Our present nuclear age was born in the month of August during World War II. Just after 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 6, 1945, a single B-29 bomber flew over the city of Hiroshima, Japan, and dropped a small bomb suspended from a parachute. A few minutes later, a flash eclipsing even the brightness of the August sun leveled the city. On Aug. 8, a similar bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. Less then a week later, on Aug. 14—VJ Day—Japan surrendered.

august

Although the first use of nuclear power was for destruction, today it has been harnessed for such uses as powering naval vessels, and it is being carefully developed as a source of energy for peacetime uses.

August has been a literally blazing month in the life of the United States. In 1814, British torches added to the heat of an already torrid August in Washington, D.C., by burning down half of the city as a result of hostilities which began two years earlier—the War of 1812.

In coping with August, many people simply "cool it" and head for the mountains or the seashore—favorite vacation spots during one of the hottest months.

Troop Talk

Well, it's time for another week of Troop Talk. Before I get started, I want to say that we welcome calls for this column. If you want someone recognized, why not give me a call at 561-3770?

HHD 504th MP Bn. reports that they have a number of people out at Bridgeport, Ca. for Marine Worker Training.

They send out congratulations to Pfc Darrel Bittle who was just promoted. Hearty welcomes go out to Ralph Cassell, Wesner Nau, and Robert Hunter, all new Sp4's. Departing the command were Sp4 Eike Williams, who is ETSing and Sp4 William Robinson, who left for Korea. The command wishes them good futures.

Over at the 163rd MP Co., there were some departures too. SSgt. Cecil Watts and SSgt. John Coates departed for Germany, while Cpl. James Snow entered civilian life. Congratulations are in order for Sp4 Brian Campbell who was recently promoted.

The 170th MP Co. had many new arrivals. They are: SSgt. Alex Fazekas, Pfc Alvin Lewis, SSgt. Alfred Glover, Pfc Herbert King, Sgt. Billy Brooks, Sp4 Mark Limke, and Pfc Edward Leftwish. Welcome to all of you!

Company D, 864th Engineers welcomed new soldiers, too. They are: Sp4 Thomas Cummings, Sp-4 Gordon Homan, Sp4 Gilbert Gateward, Sp-4 Robert Kurtzbein, Sp4 Cheong Lee, and Pfc Joseph Huston. Departing the command; Lt. Guy Griffin, and Pfc Mason Shelton who ETSED. The command will miss them. Awarded the ARCOM was Sp4 Kenneth Espisito.

FBI captures softball crown

By Lynn Castro

"The Men of the FBI," behind outstanding fielding and hitting, held on to a one run lead throughout the last two innings to hand "USAG" a 9 to 8 defeat in the finals of the Post Slow Pitch Championships.

The FBI, was undefeated going into the game, and would have had to be beaten twice.

"USAG" took an early lead in the first inning on a single by Terry Loken and advanced home on Bobby Washington's hit.

In the second inning the "FBI" came up with two runs on a single by an error, and a two run single. The score was knotted 2-2 in the third inning as Loken scored once again for "USAG."

The FBI's consistant hitting in the third and fourth inning scored six more runs to lead 8 to 2 as "USAG" came to bat in the fifth inning.

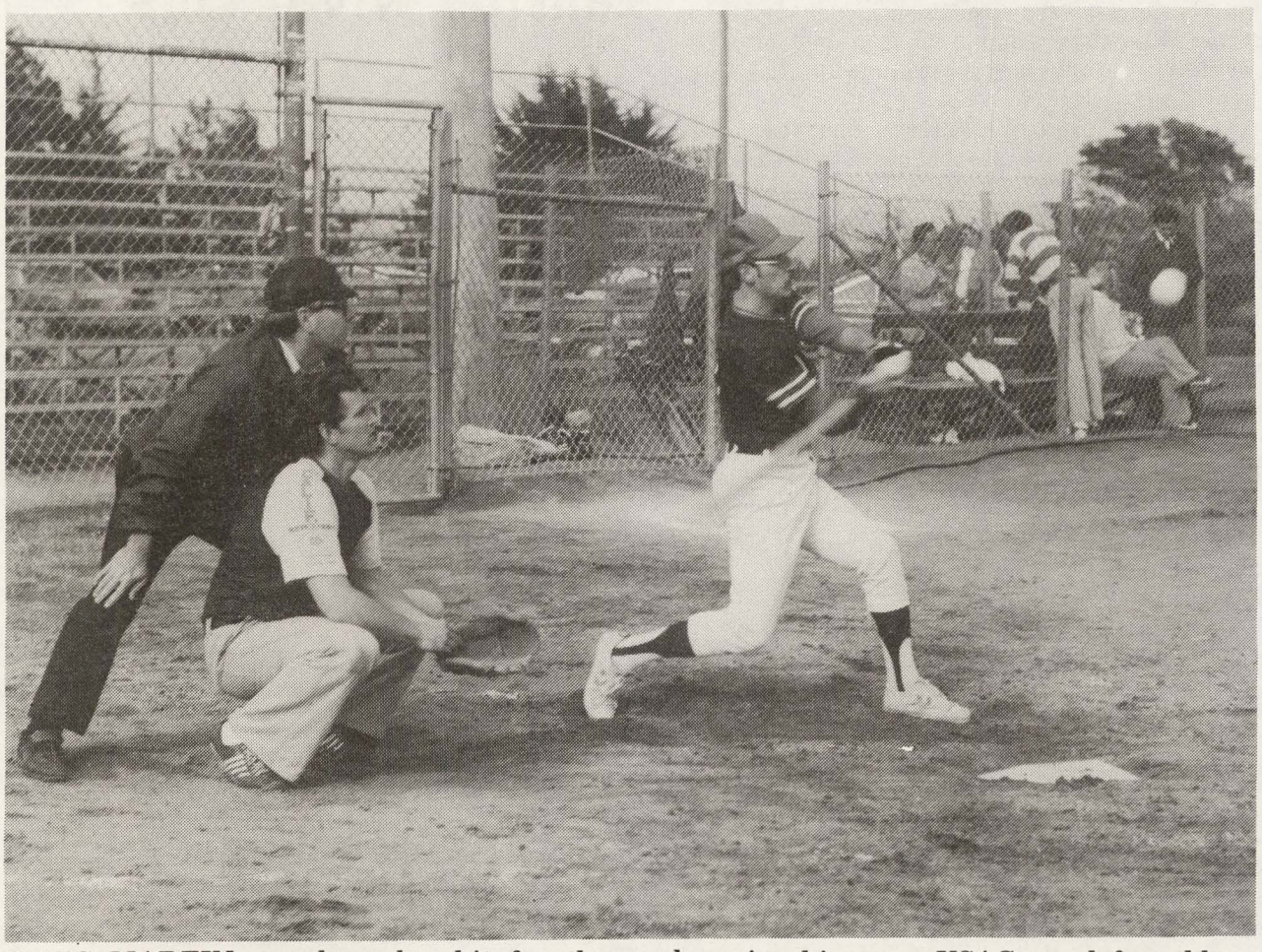
Timely hits by Washington, Tom Africa, Bob Moffett and Greg Martin, tied the score at 8 to 8. Coach Ron Johnson, really had his team fired up and looking forward to another game. The Men of the FBI, the defending champions, once again proved that they were the more experienced as they batted in the bottom of the fifth and scored one run for the margin of victory. The final two innings were scoreless as both teams played airtight defense.

USAG, advanced to the championship game by defeating 666 RADAR, 10 to 0, in the finals of the loser's bracket. This was the second meeting of these two fine teams after 666 RADAR won the initial contest.

In the final game with the 666 RADAR, "USAG" started with a five run lead on a single by Loken, a double by Washington, a three run homerun by Africa, a basehit by Greg Martin, a double by Coating and a two run single by Ray Heredia. USAG scored four more runs in the third inning and the final tally in the fourth. The game was called after five innings as "USAG" led by 10 runs.

At the conclusion of the tournament the following trophies were presented by Mr. Hal Fischer, PSF Sports Director:

Ft. Scott League Champions-666th RADAR
Presidio League Champions—504th MP Bn
Ft. Scott League Runner-Ups—PX-Main Store
Presidio League Runner-Ups—USAG
1979 Post Softball Champions—FBI
1979 Post Softball Runner-Ups—USAG



GREG MARTIN smacks a basehit for the USAG softball team during the post softball championship game. USAG was defeated by the FBI 9-8. (Photo by Ken Juber)

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Handball tourney

Signups are being taken for the upcoming Post Handball Tournament. The type of tournament to be conducted will be determined by the number of entries. Individuals desiring to enter should see their unit A&R Officer/NCO or sign up at Post Gym No. 1 (Bldg. 63) office during normal duty hours.

Intramural Soccer

Presidio maintained the top position in the Northern California Armed Forces Softball League going into the final week of play. Led by Bobby Washington, Terry Loken and Rick Hardin the "Men of Presidio" can clinch the title on Saturday as they play host to second place "Travis Air Force Base" at Fort Scott Field No. 1 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball

Effective Thursday, August 9, and each Thursday thereafter, Post Gym No. 1 will be reserved for Volleyball from 7:00-9:00 p.m. thru October. Individuals (men and women) desiring to improve their skills or just come out for an evening of fun are welcomed to participate.

Post men's softball

The Presidio Sports Branch is formulating an Intramural Soccer League which will commence on or about August 20. Units, activities, or individuals interested in participating are urged to contact Mr. Jim Ragasa at Fort Scott Gym or telephone 561-5328. All units entering will earn points toward the Commander's Trophy. Individuals interested in officiating soccer should also contact Mr. Ragasa.

Golf tourney

The Seventh Annual Sixth Army Commanding General's Golf Tournament will be played on Friday, August 31 1979, at the Presidio Army Golf Course. This tournament is open to all members of the Presidio Army Golf Club, the Presidio Golf Club, and to all Army personnel and Civilian Employees of the Army stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco and its sub-posts. This tournament will be a best-ball twosome with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. An entry fee of $5.00 will be made to defray cost of prizes. Prizes will be awarded in individual and team categories. A no-host luncheon will follow at the Presidio Golf Club at 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the PAGC Office, Bldg. 347, or by telephoning 561-5391. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The maximum number of participants is 72 players. Cut-off date for entries is August 24 with entry fees not refundable after that date.

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

Women's Day

The Presidio will observe the 7th Annual Women's Day August 16th beginning with a four member panel discussion at 8:45 a.m. in the Presidio Playhouse. The topic of discussion will be Alert Women are Reaching Equality (AWARE).

A luncheon with guest speaker will follow at the Officers' Club beginning at 11:30 with a no-host bar. Tickets are $4.25 and are available at the EEO office building 201. Tickets must be purchased by August 10.

For more information on Women's Day contact the EEO office at 561-2035 or Juanita Taylor at 561-3448.

Photo winners

Six Presidio soldiers have been notified that they are winners in the FORSCOM photography contest.

Capt. Robert Wirtz lead the Presidio winners with two first places and an honorable mention. SFC Dan Lubinski also took a first place award while 2nd Lt. James Carroll took a second place and Lt. Col. Samuel Sobol captured a third place award. Receiving honorable mention were Sp4 Don Terry and William Karoly.

The winning entries will be held for another year and will be entered in the interservice photo contest which is held every two years.

Education news

The fall term begins before Labor Day at a number of local colleges, including courses offered by San Francisco State University on the Presidio. Registration is now underway at the Education Centers at Ft. Scott (Bldg. 1216) and LAMC (Bldg. 1007) for the following four courses which meet two nights per week, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. August 13th-October 5th:

Elementary Algebra (Math 103) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Broomas. This is a beginning algebra course equivalent to the first year of high school algebra. If you missed it in high school, this is your chance to take it for college credit.

Second Year Composition (Eng 107) Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Heinbockel. This is a second semester writing course with emphasis on the longer essay and term paper. Open to those who have completed Eng 106 or who achieve a satisfactory score on an English test given at the Ed Ctr.

Motor Vehicles (Man the Consumer, DI 310), Tues/Thurs, Instructor: Best. This course, an elective carrying upper division credit, covers everything you as a consumer should know before you purchase your next new or used car, van, camper, motorcycle or other vehicle. First time on post—don't miss it!

General Psychology (Psych 200) Mon/Wed, Instructor: Bloch. This is a standard introductory course in psychology. Counts as social science requirement toward a degree. Students often select this as their first college course.

Tuition is $120 per course. Active duty personnel may apply for 75 ercent Army Tuition Assistance until August 7th, or use GI Bill benefits if eligible. Dependents and other civilians are also welcome to attend these on-post courses.

Rec Center

There'll be a **live rock band** at the Log Cabin August 18 beginning at 8:30 p.m. The Band **"Grace"** will be performing for those who want to dance or just listen.

Dog Obedience Classes will begin on August 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lob Cabin. The classes will run for five weeks. Registration is being conducted now.

Marriott's Tickets: Are on sale again for $7.75 per person. Adult and Child tickets are the same price. This is a $2.00 savings off the regular adult price of $9.75. We also have Bugs Bunny Money that is redeemable for $2.50 in food, games, or merchandise at Great America.

Bay Meadows Tickets are now available at the Recreation Center for the 1979 Quarter Horse Meetings in San Mateo City.

Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives' Club will hold their next meeting Monday evening in the NCO/Enlisted Persons Club beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the event will be Mr. Walter Sobzeck, Director of the Education Center at Fort Scott. For more information contact Mrs. Peggy Neeley at 561-5939.

Helicopter at Baker

In conjunction with Yosemite Institute's Careers Day, a helicopter from DPTSEC's Aviation Division will be landing at the Parade Ground at East Fort Baker at 1:00 p.m., August 9. Nearly 120 underprivileged youths from the Bay Area will be present. After landing, the flight crew will conduct on-site seminars describing their jobs as possible careers for the assembled, CETA-sponsored group.

Movies

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August 3	Hanover Street
August 4	The Love Bug
August 5	The Champ
August 6	Same as August 5
August 7	Blazing Saddles
August 8	Sunnyside
August 9	Escape To Athena
August 10	Same

Schwartz Theater at Letterman

August 3	A Perfect Couple
August 6	
How Funny Can Sex Be?	
August 7	Alien
August 8	The Evictors
August 9	Hanover Street
August 10	Amuck!

Protect your home from rip-offs

Summer is upon us. Two-week vacations and an unprotected home may invite burglary. If properly identified, however, stolen property may be recovered and returned to its rightful owner.

But sadly, many people fail to record descriptions, or engrave specific markings on their valuables. And if stolen they're gone—with little chance of being recovered.

To help prevent complete loss of property in times of burglary, the following steps should be taken:

Identify your property. Borrow an electrostatic marker or etching tool from the police or your unit supply sergeant. Engrave your driver's license number or social security number on your valuables.

Make a list of your valuables. Include the serial and/or manufacturer's numbers of items such as cameras, watches, stereos, and televisions. Make descriptions of all items, especially sports equipment and other items not having serial numbers. Place the list in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box.

Take photographs of all items. This will aid the police and insure claims in the event of burglary.

Protective stickers. When returning the engraver to the police, pick up stickers to place around your home indicating your property is marked, and can be traced by the police. This will often ward off possible burglaries.

Empty homes may prove to be a "burglar's paradise." Taking a walk around your neighborhood often tells you at a glance who's away. Porches cluttered with circulars, a bulging mailbox, or an unkept lawn are tip-offs that a home is unoccupied.

In the evening, most empty homes can be spotted—just look for the dark houses. Light is one of the best deterents to crime, yet many home owners go out for an evening leaving their homes totally darkened.

Many go off for a weekend or vacation leaving the same light burning day after day. No light at all or a light burning continuously, is a good way of saying no one is home.

Observing a few precautionary measures may help educe the possibility of burglary. The following are examples:

Close and lock all doors, to include porch, basement, and garage. Make sure windows are properly latched.

Connect lamps to automatic timers so that lights in the house turn on and off each evening.

Light up your porch and yard with outdoor lights to increase the likelihood that an attempted burglary would be seen. These lights can be timer-controlled, also.

Window screens should be fastened from the inside.

Valuables should not be left lying around. Keeping them in a safety deposit box is a better idea.

Milk, laundry, and dry cleaning deliveries should be cancelled during the period you plan to be gone.

Arrangements should be made with a neighbor to pick up daily mail and newspapers, and the lawn should be mowed once a week while you're away. Also it is a good idea to let your neighbor know your leave address in case of emergency.

Window shades and blinds should be kept as you would normally have them. Closed blinds keep the sun out, but often make an effective screen for the burglar.

No home is burglar proof." But following the above steps may help protect your home whenever you're away. So sit back, relax and enjoy your vacation.

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EERWA

Washington--Armywide Enlisted Evaluation Report Weighted Averages (EERWA) for the period ending June 29, according to MILPERCEN, are as follows:

E-9	E-6
124.5	120.36
E-8	E-5
123.83	118.01
E-7	E-4
122.41	114.35

The next computation of EERWAs, officials say, will be announced in mid-October. (ARNEWS)

Insurance rebate

(WASHINGTON)--A rebate may be yours if you insured a POV with a German insurance company in 1978, USAREUR officials announced recently.

Under German insurance regulations, officials said, insurance company profits can only rach a certain limit. Anything over that limit must be returned to policyholders.

To be eligible, you must have insured your POV for the entire year or, had a break in coverage of less than six months because you sold or junked one POV and insured another within the six month period.

If you think you are eligible, write to the home office of the company to see if they are offering a rebate. Be sure to include your policy number.

Also, anyone who changed insurance companies within Germany during 1978 may still qualify, officials said. In this case, apply to the home office of the company insuring your car at the end of the year. Include documents showing coverage with the other company. (ARNEWS)

Only one POV

Washington--Some servicemembers are shipping more than one POV when they are only authorized to ship one, Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) officials report.

When this happens, MTMC notifies the person's military headquarters which investigates the incident. As a minimum, the servicemember ends up paying the government the cost of shipping the second POV, officials said.

The cost of an unauthorized shipment of a POV between northern Europe and CONUS for example, is from $700 to $800, according to an MTMC spokesman.

Authorization to ship a POV is based on the servicemember's entitlement, not the dependent's, the spokesman said. In the case of a split move, where the servicemenber travels to the new duty station first and is followed by the dependents at a later date, authorization to ship a POV may be on both the servicemember's orders and those of the dependents, he explained.

This gives the servicemember an option. The POV can be shipped when the servicemember travels or it can be left with the dependents until they are ready to move to the new station. It's an option, not authority to ship a second vehicle, he emphasized.

Some servicemembers think they can ship one vehicle "space required" and another "space available." Not so, according to MTMC officials. Only one POV may be shipped, either space required or space available. (ARNEWS)

PCS hassles going

No one ever said a permanent change of station (PCS) wasn't a hassle. Finding new housing, shipping household goods, hoping your sponsor at the next station will have time to show you around--these are just a few of the PCS worries.

The Army has taken a look at its reassignment processing and has made some changes.

Starting this fall, a new regultion (AR 612-10) will govern reassignment processing and the sponsorship and orientation programs.

"In the past, a soldier alerted for reassignment would request such things as concurrent travel, housing and sponsorship as separate actions," a MILPERCEN spokesman explained. "All too often, these requests never got put together as one action to let the soldier know what his status was."

Now, when a soldier gets word he's being reassigned, he'll be contacted by his military personnel office (COMPACT for Presidio soldiers) for a reassignment processing session, the spokesman said.

One form

A new for (DA Form 4787) has been designed to make PCS time a little less complicated.

The form will do a variety of things including requesting dependent travel, housing and sponsorship, and will provide personnel management data to the new command.

Along with combining the soldier's request, the form will also provide valuable information to the new unit.

Soldiers who have handicapped dependents, for example, will indicate this fact on the form. They will then fill out a supplemental form (DA Form 4787-1) stating the nature of the handicap.

"In many cases, soldiers arriving overseas or at a remote installation in CONUS found their new station wasn't able to provide the medical care or special education needed by the handicapped dependent. With the new form, the gaining command will know what special consideration is needed," the spokesman said.

The soldier may also use the form to request specific information about the new assignment ranging from questions about facilities available, to working conditions and frequency of field duty.

Soldiers may also use the form to note any physical profile they may have which might limit their assignment capability.

The new regulation also sets deadlines for the local personnel officials to forward the form. The 4787 must be completed within 20 days after the soldier receives assignment instructions. If the supplemental form is needed in the case of handicapped dependents, 30 days are allowed for processing.

Another main ingredient of the regulation, according to the spokesman, is that the sponsorship and orientation programs are now mandatory.

"Sponsorship was the kind of thing that either happened or it didn't. Without a sponsor, a soldier would walk into his new unit looking for the orderly room. His family could be outside waiting in the car and they'd all be wondering where they were going to sleep that night," he added.

Under the new regulation, sponsors will be assigned for all E-5 through O-6 and for all E-1 through E-4 who are moving their dependents to, from or between and overseas area.

The new commander has to appoint a sponsor within five days after receiving the reassignment form (4787). Within 10 working days, he must send out an extensive welcoming letter including information about the unit and surrounding area.

He also has to make sure the sponsor has time away from his duties to get the new member familiar with the community and the people in the unit. The sponsor will also be required to send a welcome letter.

"In some units a firm sponsorship program was encouraged, while in others it wasn't," the spokesman stated. "The new regulation is aimed at making sure every new soldier receives the best possible reception at the new unit," he said.

Soldier's job

"The soldier has to do his part," he added. He must tell the unit when he'll be arriving and give an address and phone number where he can be reached.

The old unit, the new command and the soldier are all involved. Everyone has a responsibility in the process," the spokesman concluded.

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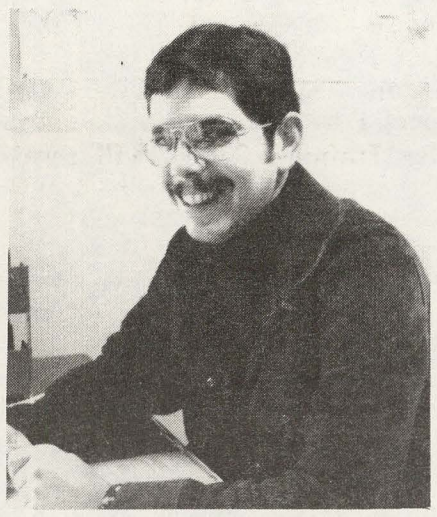
Ramblin' Sam

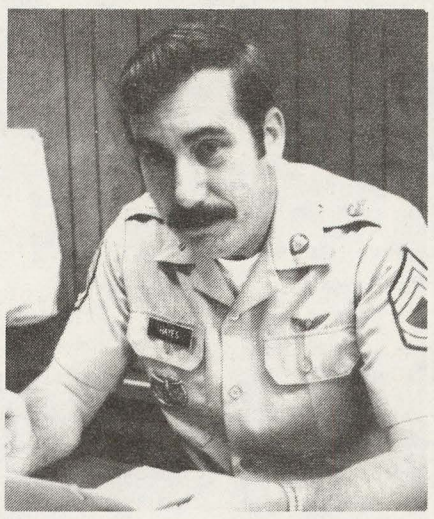
What are you doing to conserve energy?

Miss Donna Rainwater, Budget Clerk, Comptroller's Office - "I am driving less and not making any unnecessary trips. I walk more or ride my bike. I make sure the lights are out and plan my activities closer to home."

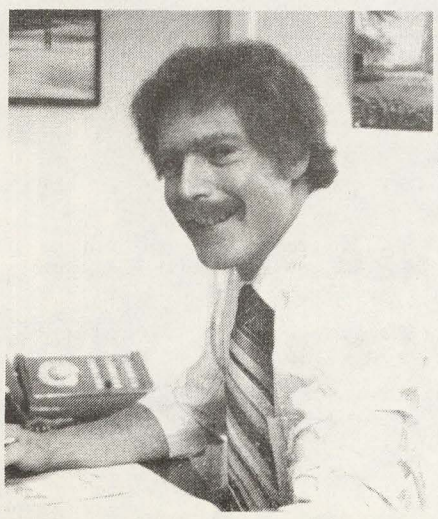
SFC Ronald Marshall, NCOIC Personnel Management, Compact - "I don't drive as much as I use to. Where I live it gets hot but we leave the air conditioner off. We eat more foods that don't require cooking or that we can barbaque."



SP 4 Bill Wentland, 163rd MP Co. - "I don't drive long distances unless I have to and I keep my car tuned up. I keep the lights out when not in use and I don't go over the speed limit."



SFC John Hayes, Post Career Counselor - I make sure the lights are out and leave the heater off unless it gets extremely cold. I also walk to work."



Mr. Ken Valk, CPO - "I bought a motorcycle to conserve on gas. I keep the lights out and I turned off the pilot light in the heater."

Action Line

Got a question or a problem? Call the ACTION LINE at 561-5463. Leave your name, telephone, and your problems, question, or comment and we'll reply.

QUESTION—I'd like to inqure about the condition of the pet cemetary. Pets are a friend to many people and when we love a pet, and then lose it, it's like losing a member of the family. Because the high visibility of this post, and also because of the high sensitivity of losing a loved one, you would think that this area could be kept up. Can something be done to cut down the weeds?

ANSWER—Unfortunately the Army does not provide support to maintain pet cemetaries and has allowed them to exist only as volunteer projects. The DPCA is again checking to see whether such volunteer interest exists. Interested persons who want to help clean up the cemetary are asked to contact DPCA.
DON F. SVENDSEN
LTC, CE
Facilities Engineer

QUESTION—Why were the medical card machines at the hospital replaced with electric machines? It is my understanding that the hand machines were just as effective. Paying $270 for a new machine seems superfluous. Also, what about energy conservation? Can you justify the expense of these new machines?

ANSWER—According to Major Penso, Chief, Property Management Branch, LAMC, the addressographs were replaced with electric ones as an overall upgrading of the medical facility. The require only minimal electricity. The electric addressographs provides a much more legible copy which is important when filing lab, x-ray, and prescription slips. It is also easier for the receptionist to use and provides the hospital with a better utilization of the employees time.
MARIE FRANCESCHI
Patient Assistance
Letterman Army Medical Center

Editor's note

In the past several weeks we have received a number of Letters to the Editor and Action Lines concerning the new **guard duty** policy.

For those of you who have written or called in with questions, complaints or suggestions, and those of you who just want to know what's going on, a full explanation of the situation will apppear in **next week's Star Presidian.**

Among the soldiers participating in last week's Change of Command ceremony was the 170th MP company, representing the 504th MP Battalion.

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WANTED: Soldiers for NASA

Some soldiers may soon be getting an **"out of this world assignment"** if they qualify for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) space shuttle program.

Both active duty and reserve component soldiers are eligible to apply for extended duty at NASA as a member of the space shuttle team, DA personnel officials announced.

The space shuttle will be launched like a rocket and manuever into earth orbit with missions lasting up to 30 days, according to NASA. It will perform various missions including placement and retrieval of satellites in and from orbit, service and maintenance of satellites in orbit and operation of specialized laboratories, NASA officials explained.

NASA plans to select a limited number of astronaut candidates for positions at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. Candidates will be selected for possible assignment to one of two space shuttle crew positions: astronaut pilots and astronaut mission specialists.

Applicants selected will go through a one-training and evaluation program and final selection will be made in July 1981. Selection as a candidate does not insure selection as an astronaut NASA officials stresses.

To be eligible, an astronaut candidate must:

Be a U.S. citizen

Have earned a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent from an accredited institution in engineering, biological or physical science or mathematics. And advanced degree or equivalent experience in one of the subjects is desirable.

Be able to pass a NASA Class T flight physical for pilot positions and a class II physical for mission specialist positions. Both are similar to Army Class I and II pysicals.

Be able to serve an eight year active service tour at NASA. Reserve component soldier selected by NASA will be ordered to active duty.

In addition to these requirements, applicants for the pilot positions must have a minimum of 1,000 hours in high performance aircraft, DA officials said. Requests for waivers will therefore be considered for Army applicants.

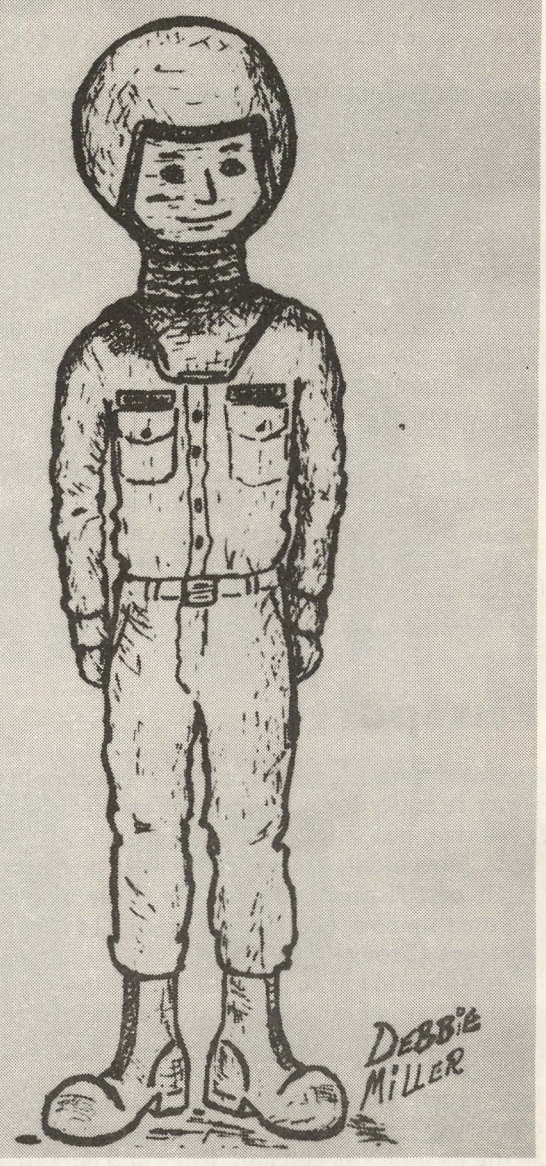
Astronaut candidates must be between 64 and 76 inches in height. Mission specialists must be between 60 and 76 inches in height.

"Waivers for specific criteria will be considered on a case by case basis for persons whose overall qualifications for selection are so clearly outstanding as to merit such consideration," according to a MILPERCEN spokesman.

Volunteers must submit applications through their immediate commander to reach MILPERCEN no earlier than Sept. 1, 1979. The last date applications will be accepted in Oct. 31, 1979.

The Army will select candidates for nomination in December and the final listing will be forwarded to NASA by January 1980.

Currently, the Army has one astronaut candidate in the program. Major Robert Lee Stewart became the Army's first astronaut candidate in January 1978. He was one of 33 applicants recommended by the Army at that time.

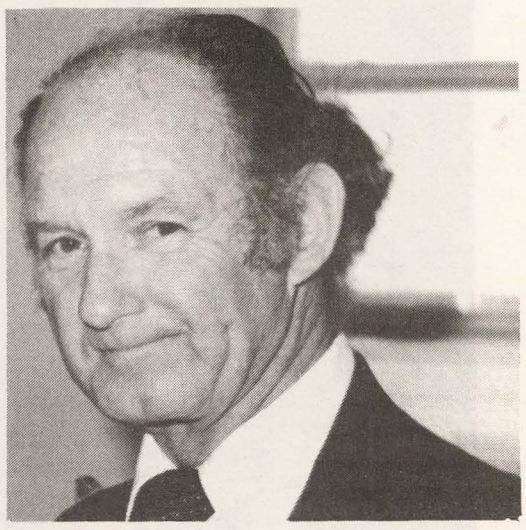


Rose honored

John C. Rose, Presidio of San Francisco Commissary Officer, has been awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Mr. W. D. Smith, Deputy Director of the West Field Office, US Army Troop Support Agency, Fort Lewis, made the presentation to Mr. Rose at the Commissary Office recently.

The award ranks directly below the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and Rose is the first civilian employee of the Troop Support Agency to receive the award. The Commander's Award for Civilian Service was established in 1978 to "recognize employees who accomplished duties in an outstanding manner, established an example of achievement for others to emulate, demonstrated initiative and skill in devising new or improved work methods, displayed leadership which improved productivity, and established a pattern of excellence."

Rose has been the Presidio Commissary Officer since April 1977, and has received numerous awards for his outstanding performance.



John C. Rose

Foundation contest

All members of the U.S. Armed Forces are invited to participate in the 1979 Patriots Award letter-writing contest sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. The teme for the 1979 contest is "America's Commitment to Freedom." Entries of 100-500 words on this theme may be in letter, essay or poetry form and must be submitted by October 1, 1979, to Freedoms Foundation, Patriots Award Program, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

Specifics of the military Patriots Award Program are as follows:

Theme—"America's Commitment to Freedom"

Entry—A "letter" (statement, essay or poetry) 100-500 words in length on the above theme.

Eligibility—All military personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, including Reserve Forces and National Guard, as well as junior and senior ROTC.

Contest Deadline—October 1, 1979.

How to Enter—Send entry directly to **Freedoms Foundation, Patriots Award Program, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.** Each entry must include: full name, rank, serial/social security number, branch of service, complete unit address and permanent home address including zip codes.

Awards—Winners from the active duty military forces, Reserve components and Reserve Officer Training Corps will receive the prestigious "Defender of Freedom" award, including an encased George Washington Honor Medal and a $100 U.S. Savings Bond. Other award-winning entrants will receive George Washington Honor medals or Valley Forge Honor Certificates. Winners of the 1979 Patriots Award Program will be announced on Feb. 22, 1980 (George Washington's birthday) by the Freedoms Foundation.

Freedoms Foundation at historic Valley Forge, Pa., is dedicated to safeguarding and perpetuating the American concept of personal freedom which motivated General George Washington and his troops at that site 200 years ago.

Since 1949, this nonprofit, nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization has annually recognized individual citizens, military members, schools and organizations for constructivewords and actions supporting American principles, contributing to good citizenship and offering solutions to contemporary problems. Nearly 8900 individuals and organizations receivd 1978 Freedoms Foundations recognition in various awards categories, including 148 military members who were winners in the Patriots Award Program.

2d Infantry to stay

The President has announced that combat elements of the 2nd Infantry Division will remain in Korea at least until 1981.

Between now and the end of 1980 some reductions of personnel in US support units will continue, the President's statement said. This will include one improved Hawk Air Defense Battalion whose transfer to the Republic of Korea had been planned since 1976.

The timing and pace of withdrawals beyond these will be reexamined in 1981, according to the statement.

The President gave three reasons for his decision. First, recent intelligence reports have confirmed that the North Korean military power is greater than previously estimated.

Second, based on recent talks between President Carter and South Korean President Park, further reductions should await "credible indications that a satisfactory military balance has been restored and a reduction of tension is underway."

Third, the decision "will serve wider U.S. strategic security interests by reassuring our principal allies of our steadiness and our resolve."

Odle goes Airborne 'All the Way'

Dorothy Odle has wings. Jump wings that is.

Odle, 23, is the first female ROTC cadet from the University of San Francisco selected to attend the Army's elite Airborne Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

"It was really rigorous training," Odle said of the parachuting program. "Of the 520 men and 20 women that started the three-week training, only about 380 men and 10 women were left at the graduation ceremonies.

For Odle completing this training was a double accomplishment. Within seconds of her final landing she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"I still have one semester to go to complete my B.A. in government at USF, so I won't go on active duty until after January, 1980." At that time she will spend six months training at the Military Intelligence School at Ft. Huachuca, Az. In the meantime she earns second lieutenant's pay as evaluator for the 91st Division, traveling all over California to insure quality training for units of the division. "That $120 each month will be a big help with college expenses."

Her experience with the Airborne was Odle's first exposure to the "real" Army.

"The men really scoffed at the women taking the Airborne Training," she said. "I think they felt that since women cannot currently participate in combat duty, even on a volunteer basis, the training was a waste of the Army's money." She met their challenge by exceeding every requirement.

In the three years women have been eligible to take Airborne Training, 400 have graduated.

According to Col. Ron Maxson, professor of Military Science at USF, "Dorothy is a special person in many ways. She reflects the special vitality and self confidence of todays women in the Army. Her character and dignity as a woman are obvious even in the most trying circumstances." She is among USF's first graduates to take advantage of a new early commissioning program, qualifying to earn about $2,000 a year as a reserve officer.

"She wears those jump wings with just pride," Maxson said.

One of the major incentives for Odle was the attitude that other Airborne graduates brought back to USF with them. "They seemed so excited, I just wanted to see what it was that could get people so enthusiastic. The Airborne motto is 'All the way and then some.' I guess it's as much of a confidence course as anything else.

"The trainers make it as difficult as possible for you during the training. Reveille is 4:30 a.m. the first two weeks, 3:30 a.m. the last week. Then it's double-time training with push-ups for punishment, until after dinner at 4:30 p.m. when you're dismissed. The evenings are spent polishing your boots and cleaning your uniform for the next day's inspection," she said.

Dorothy noticed that the bulk of the cadets were men between 18 and 21 years old, just out of basic training. The older men or officers were treated equally with the privates during the training exercises. "The sergeants were as rough on one as the other; rank held no privilege."

To pass inspection with her shoulder-length hair, Dorothy had to braid and tape it close to her scalp. "I couldn't use hair pins because during a fall they might stick me. The first day I used masking tape all over my head. Ripping it off that night I knew I wouldn't have any hair left if I kept using that method, so I modified it with the braids."

HAPPY LANDING. . .Dorothy Odle is all smiles are finishing another parachute jump on the road to completing Airborne training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Dorothy, now 2nd Lt. Odle is a student at the University of San Francisco.

Crime Scene

Thieves earn $50,000 on PSF

by Don Delver

Losses from the theft of privately owned vehicles on the Presidio totaled nearly $50,000 during the first six months of the year. Included among the items stolen were cars, motorcycles and bicycles.

Car theft is one of the biggest money-making rackets in California among organized crime. Not even "nice places" like the Presidio are exempt from opportunistic thieves looking for an easy buck.

You can help deter criminals by simply locking your car and taking the keys with you. In addition, inexpensive devices are available which will make your car much harder to steal.

Tapered lock knobs for about 90 cents a pair can prevent lock popping with a knife or screw driver. Locking hardware for the brake and gas pedals or steering wheel cost about $30, but provide effective protection.

A good burglar alarm can be purchased for less than it would cost to replace that AM-FM cassette player.

An inexpensive toggle switch or push button can be installed by a competent mechanic to divert electricity away from your ignition to prevent it from being "hot wired" and stolen. Hidden among the wires under the dash or under your seat, these so called "kill switches" are among the most recommended anti-theft devices.

For bicycles and motorcycles, security is just a matter of chaining them to a fixed object. You cannot, however expect a fork lock or flimsy flex cable to protect your investment.

To adequately protect your bike you need a minimum of a 9/32 inch diameter chain approximately four feet in length. For motorcycles the minimum length is six feet with a diameter of three-eights of an inch.

The best chain available is made from an alloy of boron and steel called boron innoculated. A nickle-chrome alloy is also effective.

Coupled with a heavy duty high security padlock having a shackle about one half an inch in diameter and a pin tumbler locking mechanism will give your bike or motorcycle the best possible protection.

Remember, lock up your valuables or lose them.

AAFES catalog

Officials of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) announced that worldwide distribution of the newest AAFES catalog has begun.

The 1979/80 editions introduce many new categories of merchandise and expanded assortments in established popular categories. As in all previous AAFES catalogs, emphasis is placed on making name brand products available to authorized customers around the world through the convenience of the AAFES catalog program.

In the 6,000 item United States Edition, customers throughout the United States may discover thousands of great gift ideas as well as decorative and functional products for every room in their home. There are also hundreds of products to make life in the great outdoors more enjoyable. . .for the sportsperson. . ..the camper. . .and for those leisure weekends at home.

The AAFES mail order program provides service to all members of the united States Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy and to other authorized exchange customers throughout the world. Catalogs are available at most military exchanges.

Aquarians swim again

by Kay Wicks

The Presidio Aquarius Swim Team traveled to Santa Rosa Junior College last weekend to participate in the Summer NBAL (North Bay Aquatic League) Championships.

The team competed against nine other teams in the Northern Bay Area.

There were six events in each age group and all swimmers swam in six events during the preliminaries. The top eight swimmers then qualified for the finals and the ninth through sixteenth place swimmers qualified for the consolations. Ten Aquarians qualified for the consolations and the finals.

All four of the 8-year old and under Aquarius competitors had success in the meet and added many points to the team point tally.

Stroking their way to the following results were:

WENDY SIEFERT- 15th in 50 yard freestyle, 15th in 25 yard backstroke, 10th in 25 yard freestyle.

HOLLY MEEGAN- 10th in 50 yard freestyle, 9th in 25 yard backstroke, 15th in 25 yard breaststroke, 10th in 25 yard butterfly, 9th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 5th in 25 yard freestyle.

BECKY ASKEW- 4th in 25 yard backstroke, 5th in 25 yard breaststroke, 4th in 25 yard butterfly, 4th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 4th in 25 yard freestyle. BECKY obtained "A" times in the backstroke and freestyle.

NICK RUSSO- 2nd in 25 yard butterfly, 8th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 5th in 25 yard freestyle.

In the 9-10 year old age group **BIANCA TRENKER** placed 12th in 50 yard backstroke, 11th in 50 yard breaststroke, 11th in 50 yard butterfly, 14th in 100 yard Individual Medley.

POLLY SLISZ- 16th in 100 yard freestyle and 11th in 100 yard backstroke; **ROBIN WICKS,** 13th in 100 yard breaststroke; and **MARK RUSSO,** 14th in the 50 yard freestyle were the 11-12 year olds that placed.

SARA ADAMS placed impressively in the 15-18 year old group by coming in 1st in 100 yard backstroke, 2nd in 100 yard freestyle and 200 yard Individual Medley, 4th in 100 yard butterfly, and 5th in 100 yard breaststroke.

Eighteen year old **PAUL HAAS** swam to 8th place in the 100 yard breaststroke.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Youth baseball

The Presidio All Star team from the Bantam Major League composed of the players from the Astro's and Met's are currently entered an All Star Tournament conducted at Treasure Island.

In their first game the Presidio All Stars took on the Moffet All Stars and came away with a 21-5 victory. Mike Heller the winning pitcher had 2 hits and 5 RBI's in the game, while limiting the opposition to 1 hit and 3 runs. James Untalan pitched the final two innings allowing only 1 hit and 2 runs. Tony Jett and Donald Kinne each scored 4 out of the 5 times they came to bat.

In their second appearance the All Stars lost to Hamilton AFB 13 to 7. In a game that saw the lead change hands several times, the All Stars could not keep ahead of Hamilton. Bobby Agee lead the Stars with 2 hits and 3 RBI's. Jett pitched three innings allowing only 4 runs, Heller who pitched the final three innings did not fair as well.

The next game for the All Stars will be against the Lafayette All Stars.

Fun Run race

The next **Fun Run** race on post will be held August 15, beginning at noon at Post Gym no. 2 (Bldg. 1152). This month's course will be a flat three (3) mile route. Here is a good test for beginners to enter a low key race and record a timed effort.

Times and places will be given to all finishers. Sign ups are taken the day of the race starting at 11:30 p.m.

Entries are now being taken for the upcoming Post Handball Singles Tournament. Interested individuals are requested to contact their unit A&R Officer/NCO or sign up at the Post Gym no. 1 office (Bldg 63).

Baker-to-Baker

A 13-mile relay race to raise funds for the Bay Area USO will be run August 19 beginning at 8 a.m. "The Baker-to-Baker Relay," sponsored by the Letterman Army Medical Center, will feature a 13-mile course from Fort Baker to Baker Beach and back to Fort Baker. Sign up for the race is currently underway. For more information call 561-3106.

Men's softball

Needing only one win to clinch a tie for the Northern California Armed Forces Softball Championship, the "Men of Presidio" had the roof caved in on them as second place Travis Air Force Base overtook Presidio on their home field, last Saturday.

In the first game of the doubleheader it was Travis 15 and Presidio 14. In the second game it was all Travis as they pounded over 20 balls over the short left field fence at Fort Scott for a 15 to 5 victory.

The two losses in the final week of the season placed "Presidio" in third place as Mather Air Force Base swept a doubleheader to force a play-off against Travis for the Championship.

Final team standings are as follows:

TEAM	WON	LOST
Travis Air Force Base	15	5
Mather Air Force Base	15	5
Presidio	**14**	**6**
McClellan Air Force Base	8	10
Beale Air Force Base	6	12
Oakland	1	19

Bowling

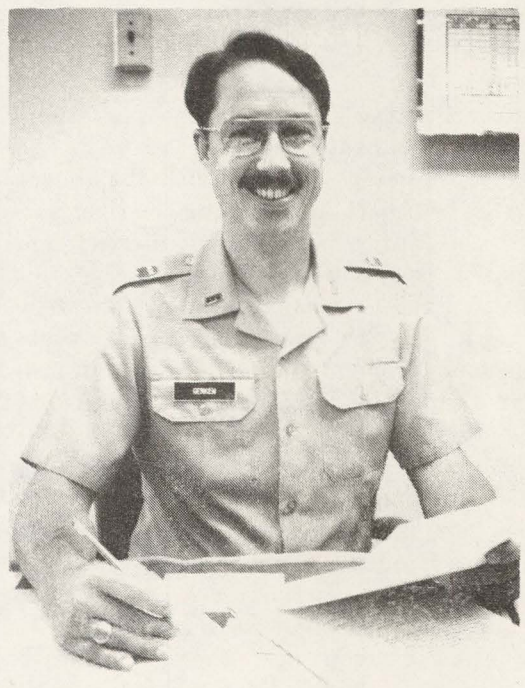
"INSCOM", paced by Earl Hannan, Dennis Werne and Mel Clifford, a trio of classey bowlers who average over 190 for the season, edged out the 87th Ord Det for the championship in the Fort Scott Summer Intramural League.

Hannan fired a 675 series during the league on scores of 231, 192 and 252. High average went to Jim Wales of the 87th Ord Det who finished the season with 203.

Army coach

JOHN GERKEN, Headquarters Company, USAG has been selected to coach the 1979 All-Army Fast Pitch Softball Team that will be competing in the National Softball Tournament September 4-9 at Stockton, California. The All-Army training camp will be conducted at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Gerken's, last coaching job was in Korea where he complied a 101 win and 2 losses, for three seasons, in company level play and two Eighth Army Tournament Championship. Gerken has been playing and coaching softball for the past 17 years.



John Gerken

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

DETOUR AHEAD

Patrons of the Presidio commissary and PX may face traffic detours in the next few months due to the removal of railroad tracks and the resurfacing of the road afterward. Users of the Marina gate may also experience some detours Military police will be on hand to handle any traffic snarls which may occur. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October. More information will be forthcoming.

Power outage

There will be a **power outage** to replace a pole near building 106 August 19 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The outage will affect buildings 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 122, 123, 124, 125, and 126. The following buildings and areas will be affected only from 6:00-6:30 a.m. and 5:30-6:00 p.m.: buildings 36, 86, 87, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217 and areas 300 and 400. A standby generator will be installed to provide temporary power to the USAG dining facility.

Women's Day

Letterman Army Medical Center and the Presidio will observe the 7th Annual Women's Day with a host of activities scheduled for August 15 and 16.

The Letterman observance will feature a photo display of "Women at Work at Letterman Army Medical Center" next to Torney Hall.

A play entitled, "A Woman's Place," will be performed in Schwartz Theater at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The play was written by Delmar H. Dolbier of the General Services Administration (GSA) and will feature the GSA players.

Two movies will concluded the day's activities. The films "Where You Are Now is Not Necessarily Where You Should Be," and "51 Percent" will be shown in Torny Hall beginning at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

The Presidio observance will feature a panel discussion in the Presidio Playhouse beginning at 8:45 a.m. The panel will discuss the day's theme of "Alert Women Are Reaching Equality." A question and answer session will follow.

A luncheon featuring Ms. Margaret Cruz will begin at noon in the Officers' Club. Ms. Cruz is a community leader in San Francisco and a lecturer in the University of California system.

During the luncheon the "Man and Woman of the Year Awards" will be presented.

Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased by contacting the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, in Building 201.

Retreat

The Post Chapel is sponsoring a Family & Singles Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Gualala. The theme of the retreat will be "It's Blowing In The Wind'' (Models of Spirituality). Dr. William Hendricks, Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will be the retreat leader, and the Music Director will be Dr. Max Lyall, Assistant Professor of Church Music. For more information contact Chaplain Mills, Pastoral Services Center, 561-2527/5897.

Rec Center

PRESIDIO BICYCLE CLUB: A new club on post is now meeting at the Presidio Recreation Center on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. This is a 10 speed bike club that is looking for serious bike enthusiasts. The club usually plans trips for Saturdays. Membership is open to the entire military community and DOD civilians.

LIVE ROCK AND ROLL BAND! Next Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. **"GRACE"** will perform at The Recreation Center (Log Cabin). This band has performed in concert with Elvin Bishop, Santana, The Greatful Dead, and Hot Tuna. So don't miss "GRACE" on August 18.

MARRIOTT'S TICKETS are still on sale at The Recreation Center for $7.75 each. We also have free Bugs Bunny Money that is redeemable for $2.50 in food, games, or mechandise at Great America.

Photo class

An intermediate photography class will begin on August 21 at the Crafts Shop, Bldg. 122. The class will be held every Tuesday evening for eight weeks from 6:30 until 9:30. The class will be taught by Mr. David Black. The class is open to all active duty military, however, retired military, dependents, reservists, and DA Post Civilians will be allowed in the class on a space available basis. For more information, call 561-4497.

Back-to-School

"Class of '80." That's the theme Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is using as it braces for the on-coming back-to-school rush.

Parents must buy for back-to-school and AAFES offers convenient one-stop shopping for every student in the family. This means clothing and school supplies for children slated to attend grammar, high school or college.

AAFES suggests starting this school year off right by providing the young scholars with pens, pencils, paper and all the other supplies needed to make the grade.

Rainwear, shoes and casual apparel are just a few of the buys available for the growing youngster along with such basics as underwear, socks and sneakers for PE.

Exchanges are also prepared to serve college needs; being on campus means much more than clothing and shoes. Bedding, towels, typewriters, radios, desk lamps and that all-important alarm clock are among the all-time favorites. A tape recorder could be just the thing for a student who needs to review a professor's earlier lecture.

Although school plans begin during warm weather, now is also the time to start thinking about the cold Winter months ahead. Use the convenient, no-charge AAFES Layaway plan for jackets, sweaters, gloves and hats; buy them today and pick them up later.

August is a big month for all exchanges; don't wait until Labor Day to start thinking about back-to-school.

Tips to save $ and gas

People today are faced not only with conserving energy but also fighting inflation.

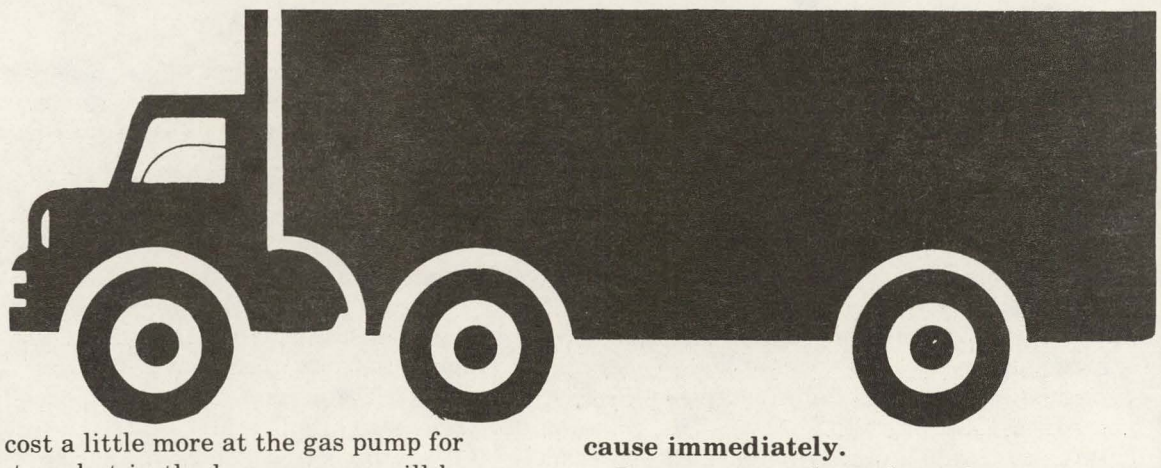
Conserving energy in many instances means saving money. Fighting inflation may be associated with several energy saving ideas that also relect savings.

Almost every day an article appears concerning the use of automobiles and ways to save gas.

Tied to conserving gas are the ideas of saving money by keeping the engine running smoothly, by using gasoline with the proper octane for your car; and keeping the tires properly inflated for better gas mileage, and added miles to the life of the tire.

Selecting the proper gasoline for the car is important. "Engine Knock" is one of the most troublesome problems that may be encountered in a car if the proper octane rating is not used.

This occurs when instead of burning smoothly, a portion of the gasoline/air mixture that has been introduced into the compression chamber explodes spontaneously and prematurely. This drastically, decreases power and fuel economy and can damage engine parts if allowed to continue. The most common cause of "engine knock" is use of gasoline with an octane rating that is too low for the car's engine.



It might cost a little more at the gas pump for higher octane but in the long run you will be saving on the cost of engine repair.

The followig tips, if employed, will give the driver thousands of extra miles of tire life and save hundreds of gallons of gasoline.

Buy and use a good tire pressure gauge.

Check tires weekly when cold.

Add 4 or 5 pounds to the recommended tire pressure for a long trip, but never go above the tire's maximum recommended pressure.

Do not bleed off air if the tires are checked when hot.

Keep track of unusual changes in tire pressure on a weekly basis and find the cause immediately.

Inspect or replace the valve-stem when car tires are purchased.

Check the spare tire pressure when the other tires are checked.

Rotate the tires, including the spare every 6,000 miles.

Check the tires visually every week.

Don't scrape tires against the curb when parking.

Learn to recognize the "feel" of the tires while driving--thumping or swaying are signs that something needs checking.

Using the right octane and following the tips on tire life are two ideas that tie energy conservation and inflation fighting together to equal money savigs to you the consumer.

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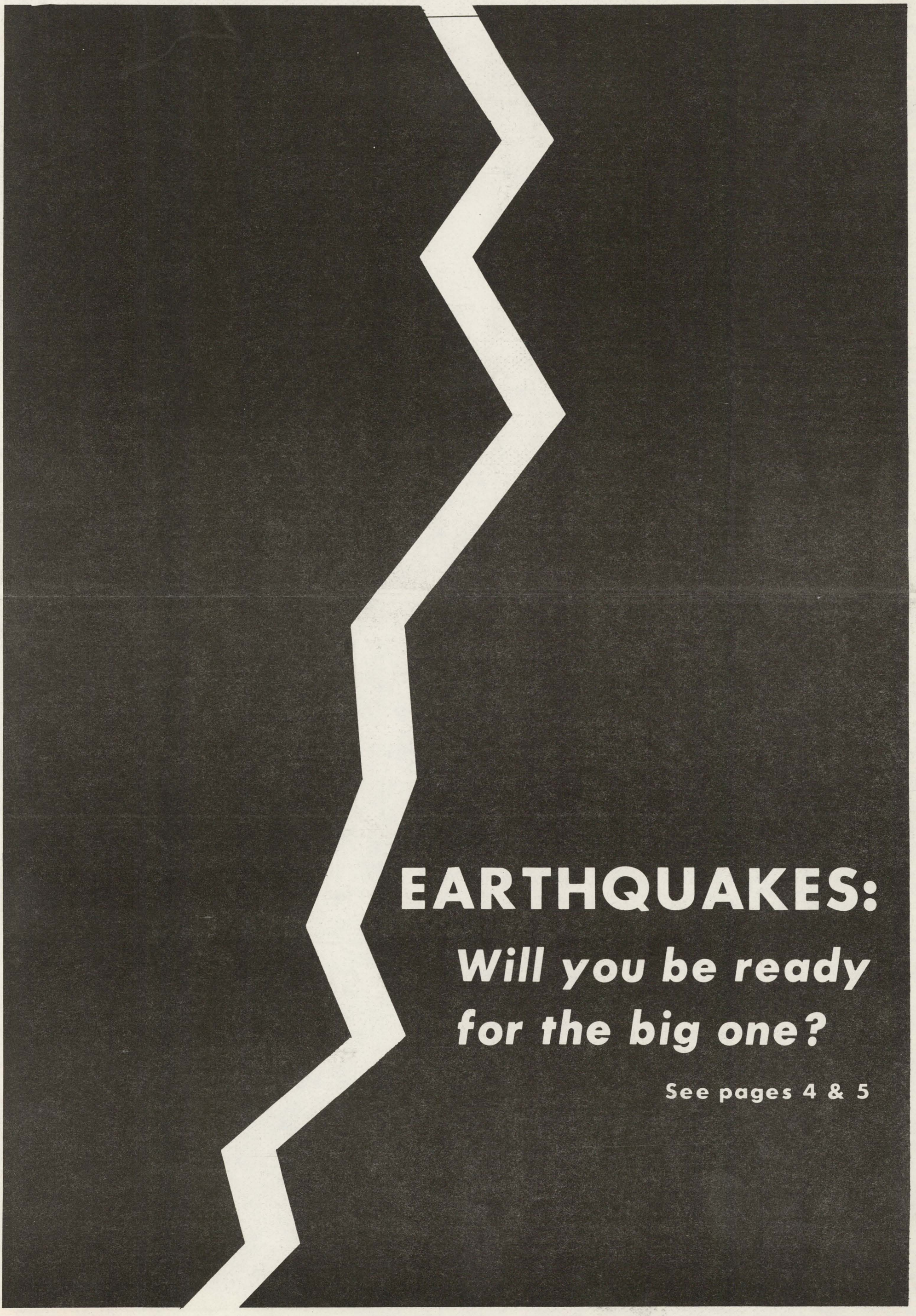

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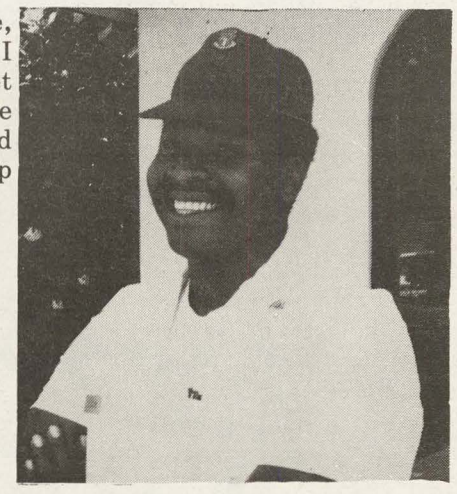
Ramblin' Sam

What do you do during an earthquake?

SP 5 Elano Umale, Legal Clerk, USAG; "I just keep working unless it gets too bad, then I would probably seek shelter. I was in one in the Philippines that was a seven point on the Richter Scale and it killed a lot of people. We were having a little party when it hit. By the time I decided what to do it was over, so I had another drink."

SP 5 Allan Clarence, cook, 504th MP Bn; "I would probably try to get out of the building or take shelter somewhere and make sure that I keep calm about it."



Mrs. Birdine Sandler, Budget Analyst, CID; "I have been in several earthquakes in Portland, Okinawa, and San Francisco and I try to get out from under anything that might fall, but mostly I just freeze up."

2nd Lt. Robert K. Garrison Jr., Transportation Management, TMP; "I try to find shelter by standing in a supported doorway or crawling under a table or just getting out in the open. The best thing to do is stay away from the San Andreas fault. The most important thing, however, is not to panic."

Guard duty

Is the new system fair?

"It will destroy company morale." "It is one more reason for a person not to reenlist or give a damn about the Army."

These are a few of the comments which have been made about the new guard duty procedures which went into effect on July 15.

The major complaint appears to be over the number of hours worked by the soldiers who have to pull guard duty.

The new policy calls for the soldier to report for work at his duty section at 7:30 a.m. He then works till 3:30 p.m. when he is to report to the guard house. For those who pull Sergeant of the Guard, the system works differently, and to date we have had no complaints about it.

Following guard mount, the first sentinels are posted at 5:30 p.m. and perform their duties for two hours. Once the second shift takes over, the first crew is free for the next four hours. At 9:30 p.m. they relieve the third shift.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. the next morning, only one soldier is posted at the central magazine and pulls duty for one hour. He then gets the next five hours off. (This situation applies only to Headquarters Company, USAG because they have two soldiers on each shift while the 504th MP Battalion only has one.)

The off time between shifts may be spent sleeping, eating, watching television, or almost anything the soldier wants. He must however, keep the sergeant of the guard informed of his whereabouts and have his permission to leave the guard house.

This new system has the soldier pulling 18 hours of duty with 30 hours off in a period of 48 hours. This covers the period from the time he reports to his duty section on the day his guard duty begins until the time he reports to his section after his duty is completed.

The new procedure also allows the soldier to be present in his duty section one day more than under the old system. And it was for this reason that the change was made.

Those to whom I have spoken about the situation feel that they have done not only what is best but also what is fair for the soldier as well as the duty section. I have to agree.

There still remains a chance that the guard duty procedures will change. A study is currently underway to determine the possibility of reducing the guard requirement. When that study is completed and a decision made we'll let you know.

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The wearin' of the gray-green

The Army's new long and short-sleeved service shirt may be worn as an outer garment with Army green uniform trousers, according to a change to AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

According to DA officials, the wear policy for the Army gray-green shirt has been published and is being distributed to the field.

The long-sleeved shirt must be worn with the black, four-in-hand necktie, say officials. The short-sleeved shirt may be worn with or without the black necktie when worn as an outer garment. However, it must be worn with the black tie when the Army green uniform coat is worn.

The officer's insignia of grade will be worn on the shirt shoulder loops using the new green cloth shoulder marks, according to officials.

Enlisted polished pin-on insignia of grade will be centered on both collars with the center line of the insignia bisecting the points of the collar. They will be pinned on so the base of the insignia is one inch from the collar point. The insignia's position will remain the same whether the black tie is worn or not.

Officials say the only accessory allowed on the new shirt will be the nameplate. However, chaplains will wear their branch insignia (cross or tablet) over their left breast pocket, and military police will wear the MP badge, attached to a leather tab which will be fastened to the left breast pocket button.

The nameplate will be located on the flap of the right breast pocket centered between the top of the button and the top of the pocket.

According to officials, the new shirt was designed to allow soldiers maximum comfort, versatility and simplicity. To obtain these characteristics, the shirt is made of very light weight and loosely woven material. According to textile technologists, the shirt fabric is too light and too loosely woven to adequately support decorations, awards, badges and other accessories without ultimately damaging the shirt beyond repair.

The Garrison cap may be worn when either shirt is worn as an outer garment. Officers, however, must wear the service hat when they wear the green uniform coat, unless they're on TDY, active airborne, or air assault status.

Officials say the green windbreaker may be worn when the shirts are worn as outer garments.

Officials at the Presidio post exchange expect to receive a limited quantity of the long sleeve shirts towards the end of the month.

Remodeled range opened for soldiers

Soldiers of the 504th Military Police Battalion now have a new training facility.

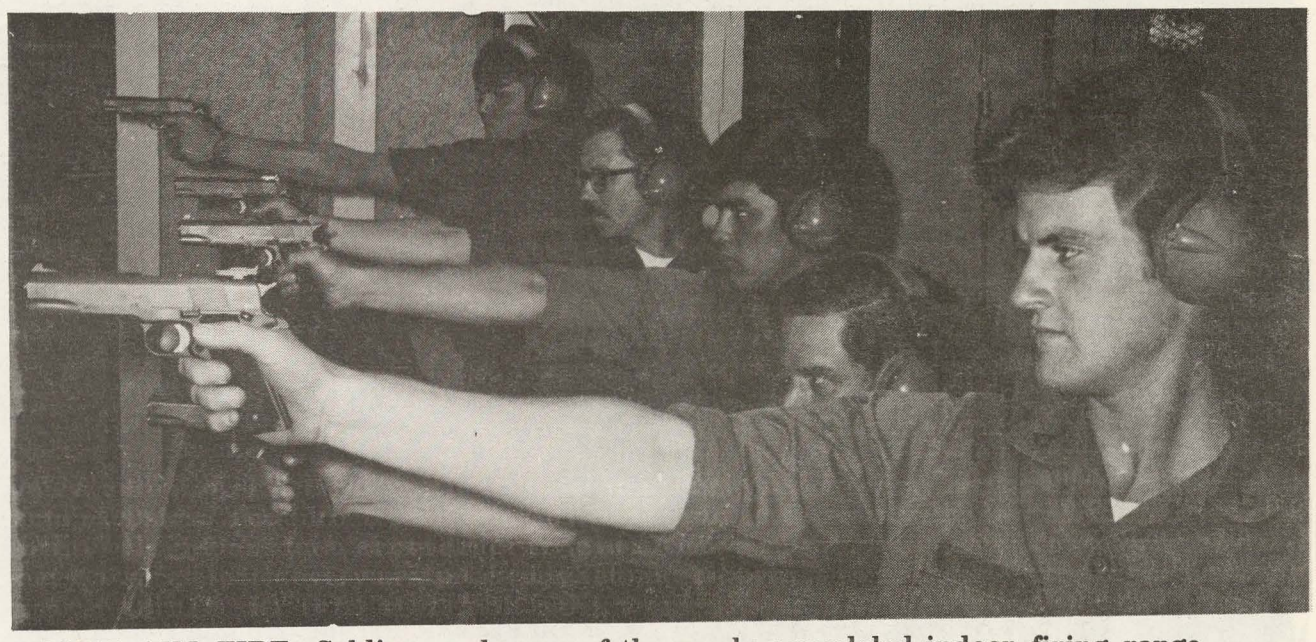
The indoor pistol range, located in building 1369, has been upgraded for the use of 45 and 38 caliber pistols. It has 18 firing points and four firing lines (33 feet, 50 feet, 25 yards, and 25 meters) and will allow the units to develop better unit training without having to travel to Camp Parks which will save both time and money.

Originally constructed shortly after World War II by moving an old warehouse in, the structure was adapted for the use of the 22 caliber pistol.

In April of this year the 864th Engineers began remodeling the range to upgrade it for the higher caliber pistols. This included improving the ventilation and bullet proofing the ceiling.

The firing range, which has a soundproof lounge area set up for visitors to view events, provide not only a place for unit training but is also a used for practice by the Presidio Pistol team.

For more information about the use of the pistol range or the pistol team call 561-3089.



READY, AIM, FIRE—Soldiers make use of the newly remodeled indoor firing range.
(Photo by Don Terry)

ID card procedures announced

A new DOD directive on ID cards is bringing changes in procedures for all categories except active duty miltary personnel, according to officials at the Adjutant General Center.

Only the retired and reserve component ID card forms have changed. The old ID cards for these categories remain valid until they require replacement because of expiration, mutilation, loss or change of status, officials say.

Other ID card procedures include:

Retiree ID cards may now be renewed on any military installation, regardless of branch of service. The new ID cards will be blue for retirees, rather than the old grey color.

The new **reserve components** ID cards will still be red, but will include Geneva Convention category. This will facilitate mobilization in case of national emergency.

All personnel applying for an ID card for a dependent must now list all dependents on the application form. This form will eventually be sent to DOD health affairs, where the information will be computerized so a child's eligibility for medical treatment can be verified. This will provide for dependent children who are under 10 years old and are not issued ID cards.

All active duty personnel will now be required to present proof of eligibility, such as birth and marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and adoption papers when applying for dependent ID cards.

Active duty dependents will now be issued cards which expire on the sponsor's ETS or on the dependent's birthday three years later, whichever is sooner.

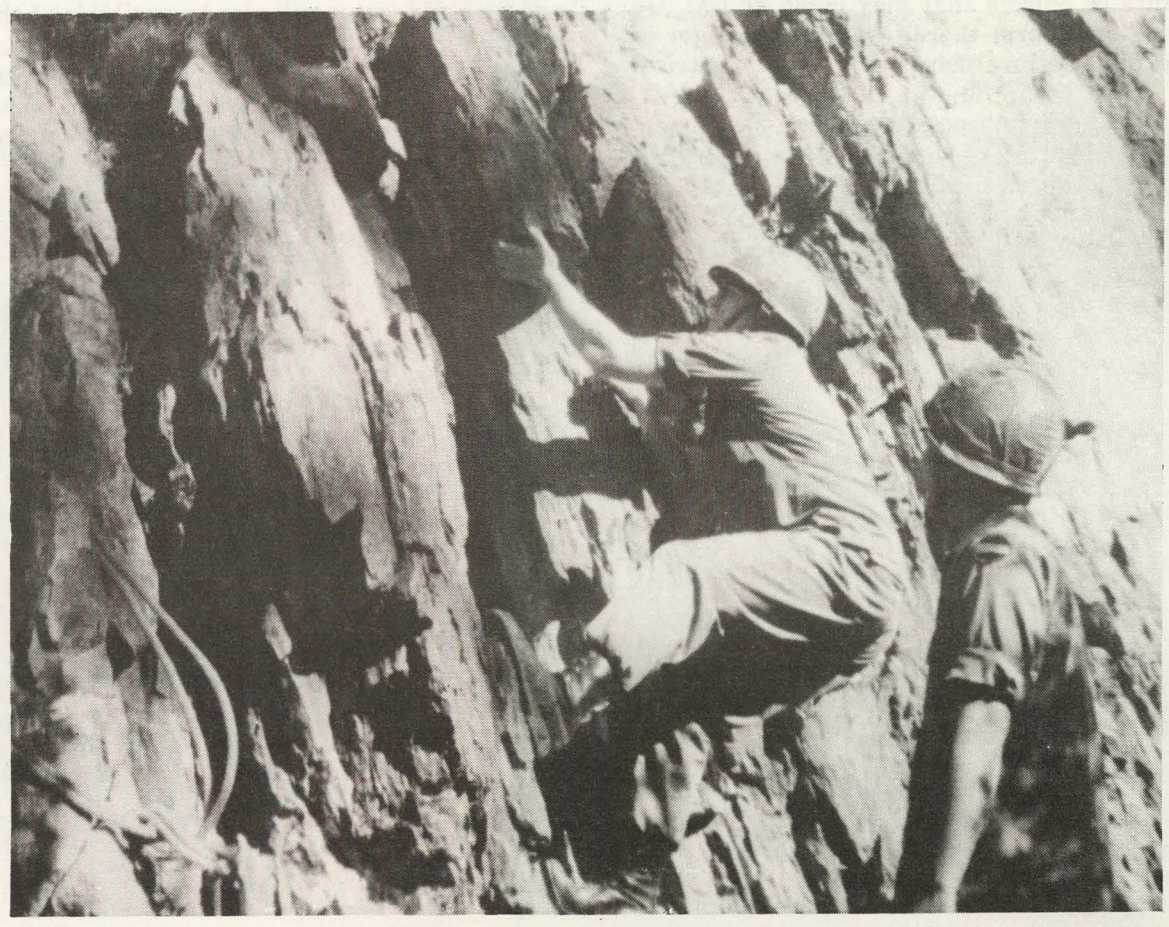
Marines teach soldiers

Members of the 504th Military Police Battalion will soon be receiving certificates from the U. S. Marine Corps.

Twenty-five members of the battalion earned the certificates during a two week Mountain Warfare Training course held near Bridgeport, Calif.

Twenty members of Company D, 864th Engineers and five soldiers from HHD, 504th MP Battalion spent the 14 days learning land navigation and low altitude mountaineering.

According to 2d Lt. Kevin Burr, all the Army personnel did exceptionally well during the training. All Army's teams placed in the top ten percent during a two day and 30 mile mountain-land navigation course.



2 Lt. Kevin Burr begins a climb up a mountain wall as Sp4 Al Garland looks on.

EARTHQUAKES: Will you be ready when the big one comes?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Readers are encouraged to insure their dependents read and become familiar with the procedures outlined in the story below. This story should be clipped and placed in the home where it can be reread often. In the next few weeks a new pamphlet containing more details will be delivered to your quarters. Should you not receive a copy, you can pick one up at the ACS building.

Photos courtesy Presidio Army Museum
Stories by Tom Tiernan

It was 5:13 a.m. and most of San Francisco's residents were catching a few more winks before starting another day. Suddenly, they were thrown from their beds as the earth began to tremble and buildings began to sway.

For the next two minutes the city was rocked by an earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter Scale. When it was all over, the April 18, 1906 earthquake had taken 700 lives and left thousands injured or homeless. The city of San Francisco was devastated by the quake and the fires which followed.

Not uncommon

Earthquakes are not uncommon to the Bay Area. Lying between the San Andreas and Hayward Faults, the city is subject to frequent tremors.

In the majority of cases, quakes felt in this area are minor and cause little or no damage. In fact, many are so weak they register only on earthquake sensitive machines.

In the past several months, the Presidio has felt several strong but minor quakes. Some scientists view this as a sign that a strong earthquake may be coming soon.

What to do

What can you do to protect yourself and your family in the event of an earthquake?

The first thing to do is to remain calm. **Do not panic.** Too often, lives are lost unnecessarily because people panic instead of thinking rationally. Panic often results from not knowing what to do.

Knowing what to do, may just save your life and the lives of your family.

Unless you are in immediate danger **stay indoors.** Take cover under a desk, table or bench, in doorways, halls or against inside walls. Stay away from windows, mirrors, skylights, glass, furniture or objects that may crash or fall. **Do not run outdoors;** there's increased danger of injury from falling debris and loose electrical wires.

If you are outside, get away from high buildings, walls, power poles, and objects that could fall. Do not run through the streets or alongside buildings. The points of greatest danger are just outside doorways and close to outer or street side walls. If possible, move to an open area, away from the hazard zone.

If in your car, stop in the safest place available, preferably an open area away from buildings or other structures. Once stopped, remain in your car.

After an earthquake there may be aftershocks. Generally weaker than the main quake, some aftershocks however, may cause additional damage. Once you are outside, **do not re-enter the building.**

As soon as the shaking stops prepare to leave your quarters. As you leave, **turn off all utilities** to include gas, water, and electricity. If the building has been damaged, check to see if water pipes or gas lines are damaged or if electrical wires are shorting. If any of these conditions exist, turn off the utility at the primary control point, such as the water main or switch box.

If you smell gas, open all windows and exterior doors to allow it to escape. Do not smoke, use matches, or other open flame objects.

When you leave your quarters, be sure to take your personnel items such as glasses, dentures, and any special medication with you.

Once you have left your quarters, do not reenter them until you receive the approval of the post engineer or other authority.

When everyone is outside you should report to the assembly area nearest you. The following are designated assembly areas for the buildings shown.

Assembly areas

Main Presidio Parade Ground: Buildings 1-299; 500-699; 900-950; and 970-1199,

Paul Goode Athletic Field: Buildings 300-499; 700-899,

Ft. Scott Parade Grounds: Buildings 951-969; 1200-1399,

Golden Gate Reserve Center: Buildings 1400-1599; 1700-1799,

Fort Baker Parade Ground: All military, dependents, and civilians located in the Ft. Baker complex,

Fort Barry firing range—All military, dependents, and civilians located at Forts Barry and Cronkhite.

Persons living at **Camp Parks** and **Hamilton Air Base** should follow the directions of the deputy base commander.

Once you arrive at the assembly area, your name will be taken and placed on the survivor identification list. First aid, temporary shelter, and food and water will also be available at these areas.

If you are off-post at the time of the earthquake don't attempt to return to the Presidio. Instead, comply with the directions of the authorities in the area where you're located.

If part of your family is off-post and part on-post don't attempt to contact the post immediately, or try to call off-post. Telephones, if working, will be tied up with emergency messages. When things have settled down a bit, try to contact family members through the Disaster Inquiry Service. More than likely, they'll have information on the condition and location of your family.

During an earthquake the senior occupant in each housing complex should insure that all families are aware of the location of the nearest assembly area. He must also check to see who is present and who is missing plus check the area to assess the damage. This information must be passed to the Emergency Operations Center as quickly as possible. If the telephone is out of order, he should inform the military police patrol in the area.

It is important that everyone report to the assembly area as quickly as possible. The names and addresses of those who make it to the areas will help to determine where persons may be trapped or injured and speed up their rescue.

Soldier's job

Once the soldier has gotten his family safely to the assembly area, he should report to his unit as quickly as possible.

Every soldier will be needed to help the post recover from the earthquake. Some troops will be assigned to assist in the search and rescue mission, in assessing damage while others will be busy helping with the clean-up or assisting Sixth Army.

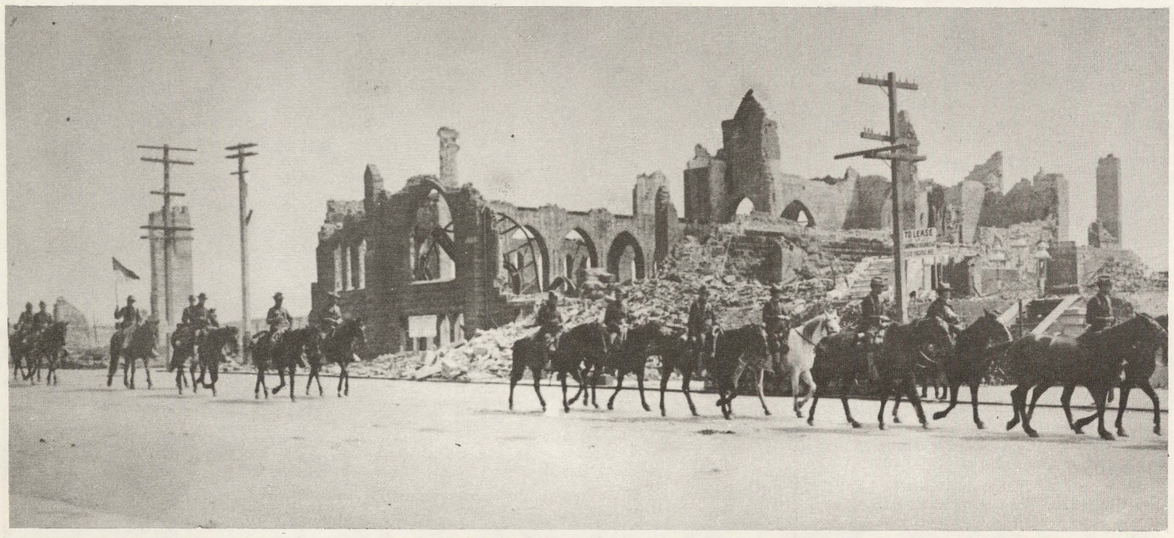
In the event of a major earthquake, the Sixth Army has the responsibility for coordinating all military assistance to the civilian community.

In order to provide this assistance, units from throughout the Sixth Army region will be called upon to provide troops and equipment as necessary.

The military effort to help the Bay area recover from the quake will involve not only soldiers, but also Marines, sailors, and airmen, all working together. They'll be providing communication support, conduct search and rescue operations, assess damage both on-site and by helicopter fly over. First aid, temporary shelter, and other efforts to help the Presidio's neighbors will be provided as they become available.

The entire effort will be coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with state and local disaster relief agencies.

In a major earthquake, knowing what to do and team work afterward can help save lives. Make sure you know what to do when the big one comes.



Soldiers from the Presidio patrol along Van Ness Ave. to help maintain order and to help those in need after the 1906 earthquake.

The devastation caused by the earthquake and fire is being analyzed by a clean up crew.

A look at what causes earthquakes

Lisbon, 1755, San Francisco, 1906, Anchorage, 1964, Guatemala, 1976, these are some of the worst earthquakes in the history of man. To the average person, earthquakes are unexplained demons that destroy and kill .

Few people really understand what causes earthquakes.

In their book, "Man and his Geographic Environment," David Cargo and Bob Mallory, state simply that earthquakes are caused by the building up of pressure within the earth to the point that rocks break and slippage occurs. This action generally occurs along areas known as faults.

Faults are large fractures in the earth's crust. They vary in their size both in terms of their length and the amount of rocks displaced along them. San Francisco and the Presidio lay between the San Andreas and the Hayward faults which account for many of the earthquakes in this area.

Earthquakes can occur at any place at any time. One of the largest earthquakes in recent history occurred in New Madrid, Missouri in 1811.

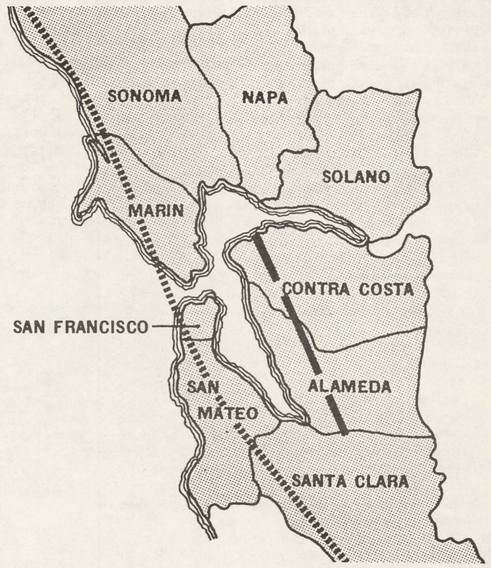
When an earthquake occurs, energy is released in the form of shock waves. These waves move in a series of rings expanding outward from the place where the slippage occurred, known as the epicenter.

The energy released during an earthquake causes a series of tremors. The quake generally consists of one large major tremor followed by lesser ones, known as aftershocks.

While earthquakes generally last only a few seconds, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake is an example of a main tremor which lasted over a minute according to Cargo and Mallory. "...(the) earthquake attained its maximum intensity in about 40 seconds, then ceased abruptly for about 10 seconds. It then started again, more violent than ever, and continued for about 25 seconds. The 75 second interval constituted the main shock and was followed by numerous, less intense aftershocks."

Earthquakes alone can cause extensive damage. However, they can be responsible for fires and tidal waves which can greatly increase damage and loss of life.

Earthquakes occur in various degrees from those detectable only by machine to those of which cause extensive damage and injury. No one can predict when the next one will occur. Until then, everyone should be aware of what to do when the big one comes.



In this map the broken line represents the San Andreas Fault and the solid line represents the Hayward Fault.

Baker 'Bird Brigade' building

by Don Norton

Some seed-eating birds around Fort Baker and the Murray Circle area of the Presidio of San Francisco sub-post have a new "eating out" place these days courtesy of a "bird lovers brigade" at the Army Personnel Division of Western Region Recruiting Command Headquarters.

That "eating out" spot is a "majestic" wooden bird feeder, painted a stand-out white, and complete with pillared sides, a pebbled roof and decorative cloverleaves. It sits on one of the window-ledges outside the division offices, out of reach of prowling neighborhood felines.

Specialist Five Austin Davidson is master-architect of the bird station and, in fact, the "bird lovers brigade." Other members of the "brigade" include Spec. 5 Rita Bartley and civilians Ms. Kathy Soga and Ms. Liz Pietri

"It all came about naturally enough," said Davidson. "We noticed some wild birds foraging on the front lawn one day and decided to put out some breadcrumbs. From that point, business started to pick up."

Soga and Pietri pitched in with an ever-increasing supply of lunch crumbs as the window sill clientele continued to increase. About that time, someone suggested better eating conditions—in fact, a bird feeder. Rather than purchasing one, Davidson decided to build one, at home and in his own spare time.

But even that wasn't the end of the support. Somewhere along the line it was decided that left-over breadcrumbs wasn't really the birdfeed answer. So up popped Bartley and her wild bird seed supply line to solve another problem.

"We've built up quite a range of steady customers since then," one of the "brigade" members explained. "Today, we have blue jays, sparrows, finches and two or three other varieties of birds visiting us. Now and then, a few may be frightened away by hawks or a neighborhood cat but they usually return. Some are so eager they even try to come in through the window."

STOKING UP—Spec. 5s Rita Bartley and Austin Davidson prepare to add a fresh supply of wild bird seed to their "bird lovers brigade" feeder on the window ledge just outside the Army Personnel office at Western Region Recruiting Headquarters, Fort Baker. The bird feeder was constructed by Davidson but according to the Army specialist, "everyone pitched in to help." (PHOTO BY DON NORTON)

Gas prices explained

Ever wonder how PX gas prices are set? Well here's how.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) gasoline prices are established under an exception to the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations on ceiling prices. This exception provides AAFES the flexibility considered essential to respond to local market conditions and maintain prices at a level which offer a reasonable savings to the soldier and airman.

The DOE ruling permits AAFES to determine local community **average** full-service and self-service sell prices by survey of the price of each grade of gasoline dispensed by these methods at the **20 retail gasoline stations which are nearest** to the military exchange resale outlet. AAFES full-service gasoline prices will be established at no less than two cents or more than three cents below the surveyed average for full-service gasoline. Self-service gasoline sale prices will be established no higher than equal to the surveyed community average of no more than two cents below the community average sell price for self-service gasoline.

Several oil companies have previously announced an allocation program that applies to all gasoline dealers nationwide, including AAFES. This means that the amount of gasoline available for purchase will be limited and will vary on a monthly basis. As a result AAFES has had to implement conservative measures at most on post exchange gasoline dispensing facilities. These measures include but are not limited to curtailment in days and hours of operation and facility closures where more than one gasoline dispensing activity is located on post.

These and other measures such as the odd/even system, are necessary for the AAFES to meet it's objective of insuring that gasoline supplies are made available throughout each specific month that allocations continue to be imposed.

Citizen of the Quarter

A 10-year-old youth has been selected the Presidio's Citizen of the Quarter.

Damon Rich, son of Capt. and Mrs. Rolla Rich received the honor for his part in organizing and participating in the clean-up of the post housing area and Paul Goode Athletic Field, for helping collect and recycle cans and newspapers, serving as an ACS volunteer to deliver the Star Presidian, being part of a welcome committee with his mother, and for serving as an official scorer with the Golden Gate Officials Association.

The youngster was recently selected as "Scout of the Year" for completing all 175 Wolf and Bear elective projects, believed to be a first in scout history.

The young Rich has earned 26 "Arrow Points" for his achievements and has been nominated for "National Youth of the Year." He was also the first scout in Pack 77 to receive the coveted "God and Country Award."

A busy young man, Rich enjoys participating in sports such as swimming, karate, gymnastics, track and soccer. He is also an Acolyte at the post chapel and his hobbies include stamp collecting and model building.

Rich is the youngest person to ever be selected Presidio Citizen of the Quarter.

Damon Rich

Earthquake CPX '79 set

The Sixth U. S. Army will hold its annual Earthquake Command Post Exercise (CPX) September 19-21.

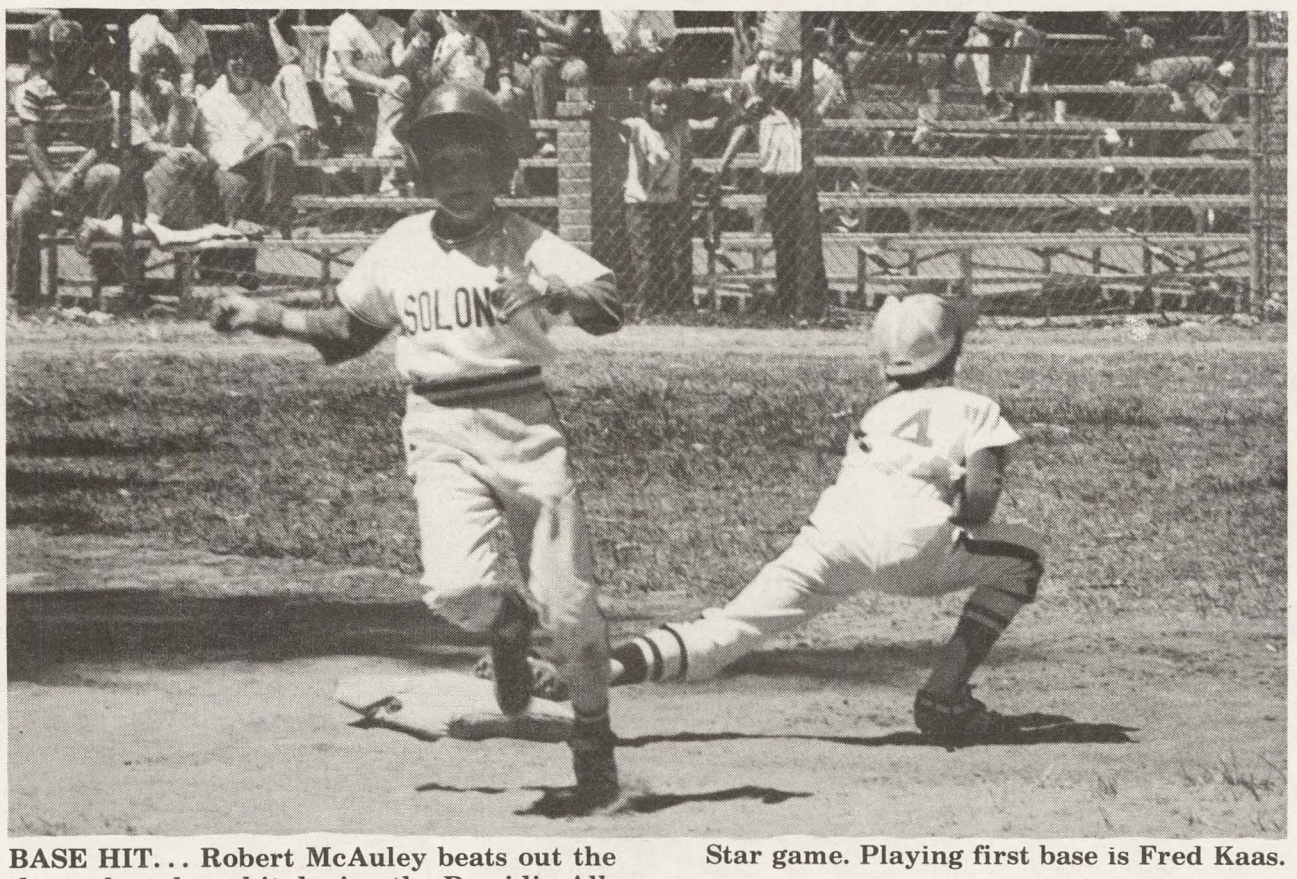
The CPX is held to evaluate procedures for responding and to orient staff agencies and organizations responsible for responding during an earthquake.

Participating in the CPX will be Sixth Army staff, the Presidio, Letterman Army Medical Center, Oakland Army Mortuary, Fort Ord, elements of the Navy and Air Force, the City and County of San Francisco Office of Emergency Services, the South Pacific Division of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Coast Guard, and simulated representation by Forts Carson, Riley, Lewis, and Huachuca.

The scenario for the exercise calls for an earthquake registering 8.3 on the Richter scale to hit the Bay area at 2:00 p.m. Its epicenter is situated in the San Francisco Bay, causing a tsunami (tidal wave).

Individuals participating in the CPX will be dealing with a predicted 9,600 dead and more than 35,000 injured persons.

PSF Phils finish undefeated



BASE HIT... Robert McAuley beats out the throw for a base hit during the Presidio All-Star game. Playing first base is Fred Kaas.

UNDEFEATED... Members of the Phils baseball team are shown above, FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Tony Reed, Rocky Wicks, Scott Granger, Mike Simkins, Jimmy Flannery, Steve Loyd.
SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Scott Szurek, Mark Alley, Bryan Granger, Kenny Bhalla, Joey McGarry, Darren Wilde.
THIRD ROW LEFT TO RIGHT (Coaches): Burt Wilde, Bruce Wicks, Bill Simkins, Lance Granger.

Members of the PHILS not in picture: Ralph Hamler, Brad Ray, Coach Dewey Loyd.

The Philadelphia Phillies probably wish they had the record of the Presidio Phils who finished their baseball season undefeated.

The Phils, under coach Bruce Wicks, finished the season with a 14 and 0 record, but not without a scare.

In the final game, the Phils had to face the Padres who threatened to end the Phils streak by taking a 3-0 lead early in the game.

The Phils were not to be stopped however, as they scored three times in the fifth inning to tie the game at 3-3. The Padres threatened in the sixth but were held from scoring.

In the bottom of the sixth with two men on and no outs, Jimmy Flannery got a base hit to score Darren Wilde with the winning run.

In other youth baseball news, the Presidio Little League All-Star Baseball game was played last Sunday at the Pop Hicks Athletic Field.

A team made up of players from the Phils, Seals, Oaks, and Stars scored 15 runs to win the game 15-11 over players from the Solons, Totems, Padres, and Stars.

The following youngsters participated in the All-Star Game:

PHILS
Mark Alley
Kenny Bhalla
Jimmie Flannery
Bryan Granger
Joey McGarry
Scott Szurek
Rocky Wicks
Darren Wilde

SEALS
Patrick Martin
Damon Rich
Vaughn Lee Singleton

OAKS
Ernie Boatner
Malcolm Johnson
Fred Kaas

PADRES
Randy Kim
Scott Kim
Chuckie Kane
Robert Newton
Eric Svendsen

TOTEMS
Victor McDonald
Scott Ross
Joe Cason
Robert Linder

STARS
Kevin Blake
Tony Tarango

SOLONS
John McFarland
David Klarner
Michael Stojic
Janet Serenbetz
Robbie McAuley

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
PHILS	14	0
SOLONS	11	3
TOTEMS	9	5
PADRES	7	7
SEALS	5	9
OAKS	4	10
OAKLAND	4	10
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Career day

CLOSE-UP VIEW... Members of the Yosemite Institute get a close-up look at an Army helicopter which landed at Fort Baker, as part of a day long program which explored career opportunities. More than 120 youths, age 14-17 participated in the program. On hand from the Presidio to discuss their career fields were Maj. Leo Konerman, SSgt. Don Dlever, SSgt. Preston Glover, CW2 Alan Stump, CW3 Howard Manning, Sgt. Thomas Bausman, Assistant Fire Chief Eugene Day, Captain (fire) Briton Smith, and firefighter Dennis MacPherson. (Photo by Don Terry).

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USO survey

The Bay Area USO, Inc., through its East Bay Center, is performing a survey until September 15, to determine the number of military personnel and dependents traveling through the Oakland International Airport. To facilitate the accuracy of the survey, all military personnel and dependents traveling through that terminal are requested to sign in at the USO desk. The desk is open from 2:00 p.m., until midnight, and it is located on the street level floor near the baggage area. This is not a solicitation effort, only a survey.

Retreat

The Post Chapel is sponsoring a Family & Singles Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Gualala. The theme of the retreat will be "It's Blowing In The Wind" (Models of Spirituality). Dr. William Hendricks, Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will be the retreat leader, and the Music Director will be Dr. Max Lyall, Assistant Professor of Church Music. For more information contact Chaplain Mills, Pastoral Services Center, 561-2527/5897.

Bag your own

"Bag-Your-Own" grocery service is now available at all check-out lanes in the Presidio commissary. You simply tell the cashier you do not want the bagger/carryout service.

Rec Center

RINGLING BROS. CIRCUS tickets are now on sale at your Recreation Center. We have tickets for Sept. 1 at 3:00 p.m. They are very good seats that regularly sell for $7.00, but are on sale now for only $5.00 each. These tickets may be purchased between 4-10 p.m. seven days a week, Bldg. 1299, LOG CABIN.

THE PRESIDIO BICYCLE CLUB is now meeting at the Presidio Recreation Center on Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. This is a 10 speed bike club that is looking for serious bike enthusiasts. Trips are planned for Saturdays. Enrollment is open to the entire military community and DOD civilians.

Tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. **"GRACE"** will perform at your Recreation Center. This is a top notch band, so don't miss the action at the LOG Cabin.

MARRIOTT'S TICKETS are on sale for $7.75 each. Bugs Bunny Money that is redeemable for $2.50 in food, games, or merchandise at Great America is also available.

Power outage

There will be a **power outage** to replace a pole near building 106 August 19 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The outage will affect buildings 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 122, 123, 124, 125, and 126. The following buildings and areas will be affected only from 6:00-6:30 a.m. and 5:30-6:00 p.m.: buildings 36, 86, 87, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217 and areas 300 and 400. A standby generator will be installed to provide temporary power to the USAG dining facility.

Road work

Patrons of the Presidio commissary and PX may face traffic detours in the next few months due to the removal of railroad tracks and the resurfacing of the road afterward. Users of the Marina gate may also experience some detours. Military police will be on hand to handle any traffic snarls which may occur. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October. More information will be forthcoming.

Bowling special

In observance of the 20th Anniversary of the Presidio Bowling Center (November 1959-1979), the last two weeks of August have been declared COMMUNITY APPRECIATION WEEK.

During Monday through Friday, August 20-31 1979, there will be open lanes all day every day, and only 30¢ per lane. Come and take advantage of the fantastic prices, and try out the Bowling Center's great Snack Bar in between STRIKES!

Pre-school

The Presidio Pre-School and Kindergarten will begin the fall session on September 4. To attend, your child must be age 2 years and 9 months. The morning session is from 8:45-11:45 a.m., five days a week. The school offers extended service from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an additional charge.

Children are still being accepted for enrollment. For the classes that are filled, children are being accepted on a waiting list basis. If you are interested in having your child attend the Presidio Pre-School/Kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Arlyene Ballard, Director at 561-4805.

Blood drive

A make-up for the Third Quarter All Presidio **Blood Drive** will be held August 20 at the Presidio NCO Club. Hours for the drive are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All those who were unable to give during the last drive are encouraged to make it up to the NCO club and "give the gift of life."

ETS program

Soldiers within 90 days of separation, are invited to attend an ETS Program on Thursday, August 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, Ft. Scott. Information about the current civilian job market, Federal jobs, apprenticeships, on-the-job training opportunities, financial aid for further education and your veteran's benefits will be available. Call 561-2974/4445 to reserve a place.

Football clinic

A flag football, a clinic for all coaches, managers, and players will be conducted at the PX Field August 23 at 1:30 p.m. Teams entered in the league must have a representative at this clinic.

Individuals interested in officiating Flag Football are urged to attend the clinic.

The new Susan B. Anthony $1 coin, issued on July 2, 1979, by the Treasury Department, honors the women's rights movement pioneer who devoted more the 50 years of her life to attaining women's right to vote, finally achieved on Aug. 26, 1920.

Blondes Too Frivolous, Brunettes Too Chatty

No Women Stenos!

The employment picture for women civil servants has changed considerably since 1911 when the President of the Civil Service Commission announced that the government would no longer hire women stenographers because blondes were "too frivolous" and brunettes were "too chatty."

Such bits of history, as well as current regulations aimed at insuring equal opportunities for federal women employees. are contained in a new booklet from the Federal Women's Program (FWP) entitled, *Putting Women in Their Place.*

Just where is a woman's place? The new FWP booklet highlights laws and government directives which say that women's place is wherever their abilities, experience, education and interests qualify them to be. It also explains the role of the Federal Women's Program and the duties of its managers and committee members—all aimed at helping women to realize their potential and to find their place in the federal workforce.

Enlightening, entertaining, and illustrated with many photographs, *Putting Women in Their Place* is available at many agencies' local FWP offices. It will soon be stocked for sale ($1.20) by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; stock number: 006-000-01081-4.

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BRIEFLY

Army counsel resigns

(Washington)—The General Counsel of the Army, Ms Jill Wine-Volner has announced her resignation stating that "professionally, this seems like the right time to make a move."

Ms Wine-Volner's resignation is effective September 30, 1979. According to DA officials, Ms. Wine-Volner will become a consultant to the Department of the Army on October 1. In that capacity, she will work on special projects for the Secretary of the Army.

A native of Chicago, she had been the Army's General Counsel since March 29, 1977.

Ms. Wine-Volner remarked that she has enjoyed working in the Pentagon and "leaves with a great deal of regret and fond memories. I've been impressed by the quality of the military leadership of the Army," she commented.

A successor to replace Ms. Wine-Volner as the General Counsel has not been named, according to DA officials (ARNEWS).

Retired ID cards

Last week the Star Presidian ran a story about the new retired ID cards. According to COMPACT officials, these new cards are not yet available at the Presidio. The present gray ID card is still good and will continue to be accepted until it expires or is destroyed or lost. An announcement will be made when the new cards are available.

More cents per mile

(Washington)—If you're a federal employee and travel on official business, there's good news. Mileage rates for federal employees have been increased, according to General Services Administration (GSA) officials.

The old rate, which was 17 cents per mile, has increased to 18.5 cents per mile. This change affects only federal employees and not the military. The military mileage rates remain the same as before—7 cents per mile for TDY travel and 10 cents per mile on PCS.

Since gas prices are expected to rise in the future, GSA is working on a study to permit yet another mileage rate increase this year or in 1980, according to officials (ARNEWS).

Ft. Irwin training site

(Washington)—Fort Irwin, CA has been selected as the site for the Army's National Training Center (NTC), according to a DA announcement.

Fort Irwin was selected over Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, CA and Yuma Proving Ground, AR, according to DA spokesman.

The NTC will be used by combat battalions of the Army for training. By 1984, it is planned for 42 battalions plus combat support units, totalling about 80,000 soldiers, to rotate through the NTC for two-week training sessions each year.

Fort Irwin is a large installation with about 640,000 acres and is isolated from densely populated areas. The varied and rolling terrain offers a realistic battlefield environment for training.

Fort Irwin is currently used primarily for annual and weekend training of units of the California National Guard and Army Reserve. Despite the activation of the NTC at Irwin, National Guard and Reserve training will continue.

Fort Irwin is located between Death Valley, Bakersfield, San Bernardino and Needles in southern California. (ARNEWS)

Women get new blouse and dress uniforms

Some Presidio female soldiers have begun testing a gray-green blouse, similar to the new men's shirt, as part of a series of uniform changes recently approved by the Army Chief of Staff.

According to a DA uniform Board official, the changes will "reduce the cost of the clothing bag and more closely align women's soldier's uniforms with men's."

A new women's green uniform ensemble, maternity uniforms, windbreakers and warmer gloves for women will highlight the changes.

The Army Material and Readiness Command (DARCOM) will develop the maternity uniform, the official said.

The Army was considering either a "classic" or "princess" design for the women's Army green uniform. The "classic" design has been selected.

This new uniform will include an ensemble of slacks, jacket and skirt. The jacket will be interchangable with the slacks and skirt, thereby reducing the cost of the clothing bag, the spokesman explained.

Over a period of time, officials say, this uniform will replace the current Army green uniform, the mint green uniform, the pant suit and the cord uniform.

The women's gray-green blouse, also selected for adoption, will come in long or short sleeves, without pockets and may be worn tucked in or out of the skirt or slacks.

A black neck tab will be used with the new shirt rather than the ascot necktie which has been considered.

Women currently receive a green turtle neck tunic as part of their initial issue. This item will be discontinued sometime in 1981, the spokesman said. It will however, still be sold in the PX as an optional item.

A black windbreaker for men and women will also be sold in the PX as an optional item. This item will be similar to the hip-length green windbreaker currently available for men. The black windbreaker will ultimately replace the green one.

Women will also receive as a clothing bag issue item, Navy black leather dress gloves which have been found to be warmer and more comfortable than the dress gloves now used.

Saving soldiers money in dry-cleaning costs is the reason behind plans to develop a wash and wear fabric for green trousers, slacks and skirts, the official said.

Working with industry, DARCOM will develop the new fabric to include trouser braid for officer's uniforms that won't shrink.

A limited wear-test of medium weight material of 80 per cent polyester and 20 percent wool for the new green shirt has also been approved. The test will determine the feasibility of adopting the medium weight shirt as an optional item. This item will be in addition to the lightweight poly/cotton green shirt already approved for wear.

Presently, field jackets are issued by the soldier's unit (organizational issue). In the future, the field jacket will be issued in the personal clothing bag. They will also continue to be sold in clothing sales stores.

These changes, will take time, the official cautioned. Soldiers can generally expect new uniform items to become available at the PX within 12 to 15 months after they are approved for wear. Within two to two and a half years the new item will be available in clothing sales stores.

UNIFORM. . Sgt. Marilyn Martin models the new women's blouse.

CFC kicks off Sept. 5

Hollywood actor Jerry Fogel, co-star of the television series "The White Shadow," will be the guest speaker at the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Kickoff Luncheon Wednesday, September 5, at noon in the Treasure Island Officers Club, Treasure Island Naval Base.

Fogel, who is probably best known for his role of the son-in-law on the hit TV series "The Mothers-in-Law," has appeared in over 200 TV episodes on such programs as "Barnaby Jones" and "The Lou Grant Show."

In addition to Fogel, the CFC program will feature several speakers who have been personally assisted by the charitable agencies receiving the CFC funds. The San Francisco Bay Area CFC allocates contributions to over 200 charities supported by the United Way of the Bay Area, the National Health Agency, and the International Service Agencies.

The cost of the luncheon is $5.50, and the public is invited. Reservations should be made by August 29 by calling Mr. Mike Modena, Federal Executive Board, at 556-0250.

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Ramblin' Sam

What woman do you admire?

Sgt. Athol McKinzy, Plans and Operations, DPTSEC: "My wife. She's very considerate, loving, caring, and I love her. She is also very intelligent and is the key to my success."

1st Lt. Thomas Africa, DPTSEC: "My mother; without a doubt. She's a wonderfully compassionate person. Then there's that Italian woman who gave birth to eight. So much for ZPG."

Mrs. Jeanette Savell, Clerk Typist, Comptroller: "Eleanor Roosevelt. She was really someone who cared about people. She was involved with many things not becaue she was the President's wife but because she cared. She didn't worry about what people thought of her but spent her time helping others."

SP4 Michael Wilensky, 170th MP Co.: "My girl friend. Because she's not only beautiful but she's intelligent, hard working and fun to be with. Plus she's a darn good soldier."

PFC Jan Hollaway, Transportation Division, DIO: "Carol Burnett. She is really a talented lady. She is not only a comedian but an outstanding actress, a mother and a person who cares. She is also active in civic affairs. I also feel that all mothers should be given more recognition. I feel that mothers should be at the top of everyones list of women most admired."

THE SYSTEM

S.J. Stout

Women

Changing attitudes

August 26 marks the 59th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote.

Many people thought that this was the end of a long struggle for and by women. They were wrong. It was just the beginning.

Women have been making valuable contributions to our nation since its earliest days. Working as partners in the fields of America's colonies, panning gold in the California hills, working in factories during World Wars I and II, American women helped to make this country into a great and strong nation.

Yet, women haven't received the recognition to which they are entitled. In many cases, they have had to work under less than ideal conditions and for less than half the pay of their male co-workers.

Many of the things which were acceptable behavior such as smoking, drinking in public were unacceptable behavior for women.

Following the passage of the 19th amendment, a new movement began to erase these conditions. But it wasn't an easy fight.

Throughout the rest of the 1920s, 30s, 40s, and half of the 50s things didn't improve much. As the Civil Rights movement began to pick up steam in the late 1950s, conditions for women began to improve too.

Today, women enjoy greater freedom of choice, are afforded the same opportunity as men, earn the same pay for the same amount of work, and are advancing in business, industry, education and government.

The struggle, however, is still not over. Some of the same sexist attitudes that prevailed in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s are still present today.

All of us working together as people can better serve the Army, our nation, and ourselves.

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Clyde & Greer honored as Man/Woman of the Year

Two Presidio civilian employees have been named the Man and Woman of the Year.

Mr. William E. Clyde Jr., an employee of the PSF Civilian Personnel Office, and Mrs. Wanda E. Greer of the Letterman Army Medical Center's (LAMC) Equal Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity Office, were honored during the August 16 observance of Woman's Day.

The award, was established two years ago to be awarded to the man and woman who supports the goals of the Federal Women's Program, (FWP) actively promotes the careers and potential of Presidio women, and who volunteer service to the Federal Women's Program.

Clyde

Clyde, Chief of the Training and Development Branch, is a former Army military personnel clerk who entered the civil service in 1961.

In the five years Clyde has been at the Presidio, he has worked on the staff of the training and development branch and eventually became the chief. He was cited for serving as an active member of the Presidio Women's Federal Committee, providing counseling and training for women, securing speakers for the various FWP programs and helping women advance in their jobs.

A man on the move, Clyde has served in Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Hawaii.

Clyde said that while the award is nice, he hopes more men will become involved in the womens' program. "If men see women as equal, then women will see themselves as equal. Then there'd be no need for special emphasis."

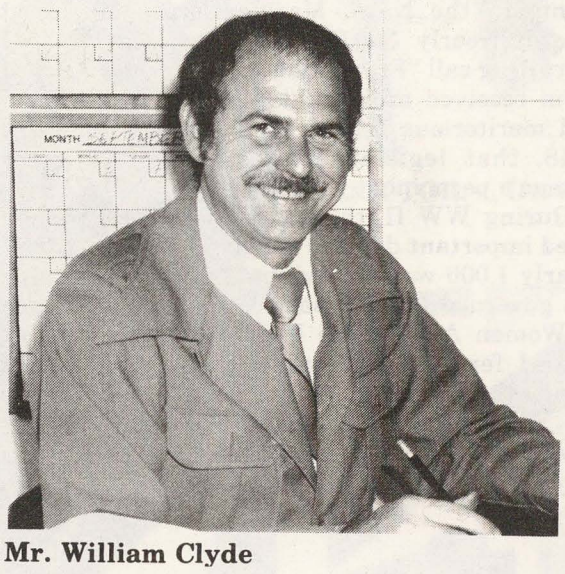
Greer

Mrs. Greer, a native of Perry, Oklahoma, is a veteran of 28 years government service. She is the Letterman Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

Greer previously worked for Army intelligence, and the inspector general's office while in government service. She is a member of the Federal Executive Board Council, the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Council, and the Federal Women's Program Committee.

The former Presidio Women's Program Coordinator, Greer now works with LAMC personnel including duties as the hospital's handicapped employee manager, and providing guidance to the Federal Women's program, Hispanic program, and to EEO counselors.

Greer is an award-winning speaker and has been recognized several times for her dedication to the betterment of the Presidio and civilian community.



Mr. William Clyde

Mrs. Wanda Greer

Like mother, like son

There is an old cliche that says "like father, like son" but in one case here, it goes "like mother, like son" when SFC Carol D. Chand, a U. S. Army Reserve Recruiter, enlisted her son, Michael, into the reserves.

Michael, who graduated from high school in February, is interested in electrical engineering and enlisted in te reserve program as a Tactical Circuit Controller. He will be attending basic training and AIT at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

After he completes basic training and AIT, Michael plans to attend the University of San Francisco and participate in ROTC and to eventually get a commission.

NICE FIT.. SFC Carol Chand helps her son Mike try on his uniform.

Gas surcharge a no-no

Soldiers should be wary of gasoline station retailers who put a surcharge on credit card purchases, according to the Department of Energy (DOE).

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), in a joint release with DOE, has advised gasoline station retailers that they are prohibited from putting a surcharge on customers who use a credit card rather than paying in cash.

A surcharge is a charge paid in excess of the usual or normal amount. In this case, a surcharge would be any cost over the price which is displayed on the gasoline pump.

According to a DOE official, the warning was prompted by reports that some gasoline retailers had begun putting credit card surcharges in light of recent DOE regulation changes.

"The recent DOE rulings concerning changes in business practices gave service stations the option of charging for such services as cleaning car windshields and other related services," explained the DOE official. "A statement to the effect that it was no longer against any DOE regulations to assess a surcharge on credit card purchases was also included in the rulings."

It was later determined that other federal and state laws, including an FTC regulation and the truth in lending act, prohibited surcharges on credit card purchases, according to the official.

"The FTC and DOE issued a joint release advising gasoline station retailers that other federal and state laws prohibit putting surcharges on credit card purchases," he stated, adding that retailers "should be aware of these requirements and prohibitions before making any changes in their credit card practices."

Soldiers should be aware, too. (ARNEWS)

CHAMPUS covers RTC

A new method by which service families can obtain advance information on whether CHAMPUS will share the cost of care for an emotionally disturbed child in a residential treatment center (RTC) has been announced by CHAMPUS officials.

Under the CHAMPUS Regulation, approval by OCHAMPUS is required before any care in an RTC can be cost-shared by CHAMPUS. There is no requirement, however, that such approval be obtained before treatment starts.

There is always the possibility that care obtained before approval by OCHAMPUS will be denied cost-sharing upon review. In this instance, the service family would have to pay the entire bill.

To avoid this, the new procedure permits the service family to obtain a review before the child's admission and to obtain an advance decision on whether CHAMPUS will cost-share the first thirty days. Under the previous procedure, no such review and decision were possible until the child had actually entered the RTC.

Any authorization for initial admission—whether it is granted before or after admisison—will, generally, be for a maximum of thirty days. The only condition under which the authorization period would be longer than thirty days is where the RTC has submitted a treatment plan which can be considered along with the request for initial authorization. If the initial evaluation indicates the patient needs extended RTC care, a request should be sent to OCHAMPUS as soon as possible by the RTC, but not later than thirty days after the initial admission.

Service families are encouraged to use the new procedure to protect themselves from incurring large bills for treatment which will not be cost-shared by CHAMPUS. Details of CHAMPUS benefits for RTC care and how to apply for them, including the information required to evaluate a request for either an initial admission or extended care, can be obtained from a CHAMPUS advisor or by writing to OCHAMPUS, Aurora, Colorado 80045.

'...taking an active part in the trials and triumphs of her country'

In the 59 years since earning the right to vote, women have been playing a greater role in American society and in the military as well.

Today, nearly 134,000 women serve around the world in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard while thousands hold jobs in the Defense and Military Departments' operations at home and abroad. Thousands more lend their support in their roles as wives of military personnel doing volunteer work and other things to improve life in the military community.

The role of women has expanded greatly in recent years. In 1976, for example, women were first admitted to the service academies. Even more recently, they were granted the right to serve on Navy ships other than hospital vessels and to fly Air Force planes.

Such strides in opening previously "male only" jobs to women seem to indicate that women have at last "measured up." In reality, American women long ago proved their mettle in the U. S. Armed Forces and in defense-related civilian jobs.

Because Revolutionary War records are scanty, it is not known exactly how many women served in or as nurses for the nation's earliest Armed Forces. Women such as Margret Corbin, Molly Pitcher, and Debroah Sampson went onto the field of battle with the Revolutionary Army. And legend has it that Lucy Brewer, disguised as a man joined the Marines and served aboard the frigate Constitution during the War of 1812.

Women of all backgrounds have made vital contributions to military efforts during times of war and peace. The courage and competence of Indian women is exemplified by Sacagawea, the scout who provided invaluable assistance to the famous 1803-1806 expeditions of Captains Meriweather Lewis and William Clark. Later, during the Mexican War, Sarah Borginis was recognized for her bravery during battles at Fort Brown and Buena Vista. Several hundred women, disguised as men, enlisted in north and south Civil War units; Dr. Mary Elizabeth Walker, captured and imprisoned by Confederate forces while serving as a contract surgeon with the Union Army, was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor for her wartime services.

WWI & WWII

After the turn of the century, women served in the military nurse corps, and during WWI more than 12,500 women received temporary assignments in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Nearly 300,000 answered the WW II recruiting call "Free a man to fight," and 2,000 of them received military decorations for bravery and meritorious service. Still, it was not until 1948, that legislation provided for military women's permanent status.

During WW II, thousands of civilian women filled important defense supply and support jobs. Nearly 1,000 women, assigned to military units, but governed by civil service regulation, served as Women Air Service Pilots (WASP) and performed ferrying and other flying duties often identical to those of military pilots assigned to the same command. Early this year, WASP veterans were finally credited with official military service and accorded military veteran's benefits.

Korea to present

The Korean and Vietnam wars periods again brought increased recruitment of and noteworthy service by women in the military. Then in 1967, Public Law 90-130 repealed the two percent strength ceiling for women in the Armed Forces, allowed them to be promoted to general and admirals, permitted them to serve in the National Guard, and further equalized promotion and retirement regulations. In the same year, the Federal Women's Program was established to improve job opportunites for women goverment-wide. Currently, almost all federal jobs are open to women, and they represent more than 30 percent of the full-time federal civilian workforce. Further changes advancing equal opportunities for women in the military and civil service jobs have continued during the 1970s.

In a proclamation declaring August 26 as Women's Equality Day, President Jimmy Carter has pointed out that actions which guarantee equal rights for women help insure that our nation realizes its full potential, for "the needs, hopes and problems of a complex society demand the talents , imagination and dedication of all its citizens without regard to sex."

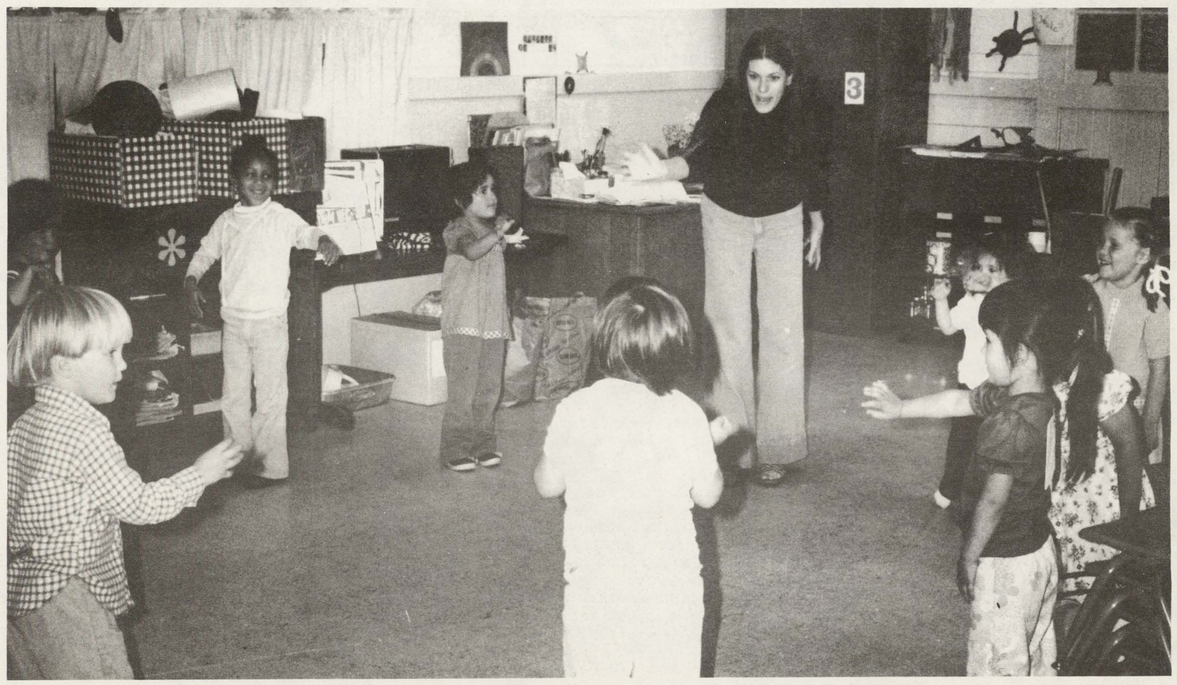
In the same vein, a writer commenting on women's role in today's defense mission, notes: "It is not a sock knitted by some woman which is important in modern war. A single knitting machine can reduce her labors to ludicrous insignificance. It is the fact that she is taking active part in the trials and triumphs of her country that is important—to her, to the country."

MECHANIC... Sp4 Teresa Cuellar is responsible for the maintenance of the 504th MP Battalion vehicles.

MOTHER..Mrs. Ana Luna and her son Christopher spend their days together.

DOCTOR... Dr. Jill Sumfest preparing for surgery.

MP... Sgt. Pia Petterson makes a radio check prior to going on duty.



TEACHER... Mrs. Sandra White works with children at the Pre-School. (Photos by Don Terry)

Immunizations only hurt a little

By Betsy Beuke
Associate Editor, ARNEWS

It only hurts a minute; sometimes it doesn't hurt at all.

But when it's over, your child will be immunized against seven serious childhood diseases. These illnesses, some of which you may have experienced as a child, include measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), polio, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus.

These illnesses can, and do, cause crippling and sometimes death, when children are not protected against them.

Except for tetanus, these infections are highly contagious. They can easily spread from child to child, community to community, more rapidly than many people realize.

According to the Public Health Service (PHS), four out of every ten children in the United States under the age of 15 could catch one of these illnesses. Why? They haven't been immunized against the childhood diseases.

Measles

The most serious of the childhood infections is measles, also known as rubeola, red measles, hard measles and 9- or 10-day measles. It can cause pneumonia, blindness and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). According to the PHS, one death occurs for every 1,000 measles cases.

The symptoms of a usual case are similar to a bad cold and may include a fever as high as 104 degrees. A blotchy red rash will appear on the body, gradually fading away after seven or 10 days.

Polio

Polio, in its most severe form, can cause permanent paralysis or death.

Caused by one of three virus strains living in an infected person's nose, throat and intestinal tract, Type I virus more frequently results in illness and paralysis than Type II and Type III viruses.

Most people infected with polio virus will never experience paralysis. They may not even feel it, but they may still spread the disease to others.

A fairly common disease 25 years ago, Paralytic Polio dropped from 18,000 cases in 1954 to seven in 1974 after the polio vaccine was introduced. Two kinds of vaccines are available, the most widely used and preferred vaccine being the trivalent oral vaccine.

The oral vaccine is a liquid prepared from a live but weakened polio virus and is given by a dropper on the tongue. It effectively prevents the spread of polio and protects the individual for a long time.

Rubella

Rubella, or German measles, is usually a mild childhood disease. Symptoms include mild discomfort, a slight fever for about 24 hours and a rash that appears on the face and neck and lasts for a day or two. Young adults who get rubella may experience swollen glands in the neck and some temporary pain and stiffness in the joints.

Recovery is normally speedy and complete. What makes this otherwise mild disease dangerous is that a woman who catches rubella early in her pregnancy stands a 20-25 pecent chance of giving birth to a deformed baby. The most common birth defects resulting from rubella are blindness, damage to the heart and major arteries, deafness, abnormally small brains and mental retardation.

Children who have never had rubella should be 15 months of age when they receive their measles vaccination. The vaccine is available by itself or in a combination form that also protects against measles and mumps. Pregnant women or women who plan to begin their families within three months should not be given the vaccine.

Mumps

The symptoms for mumps are painfully swollen glands in the face and neck, fever, headache and earache. According to PHS, most patients recover fully with no permanent damage.

In teenage and adult males, mumps may produce a painful inflammation of the testicles. In rare cases this inflammation results in sterility. Other complications from the mumps include inflammation of the pancreas, thyroid and kidneys and, in female patients, inflammation of the ovaries and breasts.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus (lockjaw) usually occur in children, but can also strike adults.

The most effective means of protection from these diseases are in the form of a combination vaccine called DPT, which has been available since the early 1950s.

Diphtheria is caused by a germ found in the mouth, throat and nose of the infected person. Early symptoms include sore throat, a slight fever and chills. Five to 10 percent of diphtheria cases are fatal.

Pertussis, or whooping cough, acts like a common cold with an irritating cough. The cough gets worse and occurs in violent spasms as the disease tightens its grip on the airways to the lungs. This condition is especially dangerous in young infants. Three out of four infant deaths occur prior to when the child reaches the age of six months.

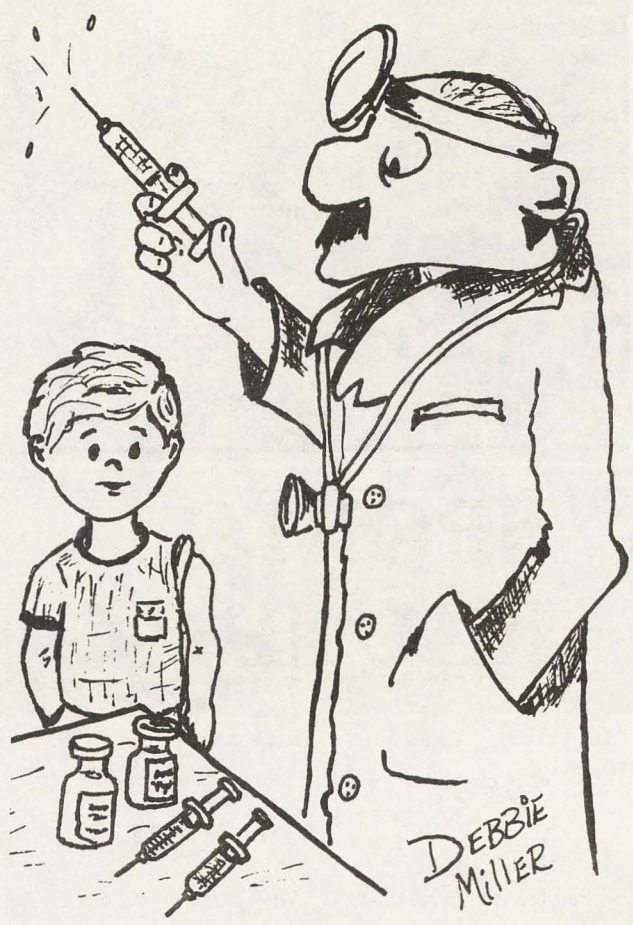
Tetanus

Tetanus, or lockjaw, is caused by a germ found just about everywhere. A person not immunized against tetanus has a 50-50 chance of surviving if he gets the infection.

In 1975, there were 102 tetanus cases in the U. S. ; 45 of them fatal.

The combination DPT vaccine given to children under the age of seven provides immunity against diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus for several years. Periodically, however, this immunization must be renewed with booster shots.

No matter what you may have heard, these illnesses can be serious, their complications terrible. Don't let them happen to your kids.



Winton plays basketball in USSR

by Don Terry

How does someone get to go TDY to Russia?

For 2nd Lt. Gary Winton of the Sixth Army Provost Marshall's Office, it was as simple as dribbling a basketball, and being good at it.

Winton recently returned from the Soviet Union where he participated in Spartakiada (Spartacade) '79 as a member of the U. S. men's basketball team.

The only soldier on the team, Winton participated in the pre-Olympic games against teams from the 15 Russian republics, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland. The United States was the only team from the free-world.

Winton started playing basketball when he was 12-years old, "We had a full court in our back yard, but my two brothers wouldn't let me play a serious game with them because I was too small."

In junior high school, Winton made the school team and in tenth grade made the varsity squad.

The Alabama All-Star was selected to attend the U. S. Military Academy at West Point after a year at the military prep school at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

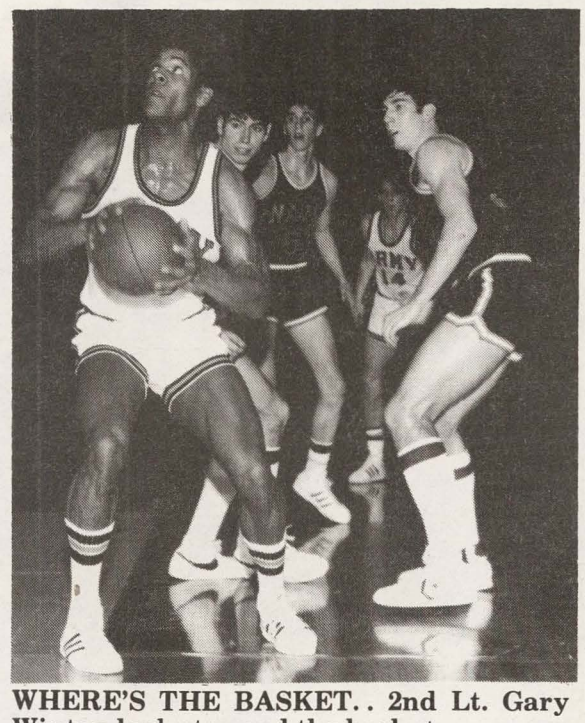
During his freshman year, Winton, was voted "Rookie of the Year" after averaging 19 points per game. After graduating from West Point his average had risen to 23 points per game.

The Cleveland Cavaliers drafted Winton in 1978, but he had already signed a contract with the Army.

Shortly after graduation Winton was off to Europe with the All-Army basketball team. He then attended the Military Police Officer's basic course, and then he was off again. "After I completed the course in January, I started training for the Interservice games which were held at Camp Pendleton in March of this year. Then I participated in the Western Invitational Tournament in Lewiston, Montana and the Amature Athletic Union tournament in Ponk City, Oklahoma."

In April, Winton was the only soldier to participate in the Pan American trails at Indiana University. "Even though I didn't make the team I was told that I would be invited to Spartacade."

After getting off to a bad start the U. S. team came back and won their last four games to finish the competition with a 4-2 record. Of the trip Winton said, "It was really enjoyable because I had a chance to see the Russian teams first hand.



WHERE'S THE BASKET.. 2nd Lt. Gary Winton looks toward the basket.

Aquarians out swim Albany

by Kay Wicks

The Presidio Aquarius Swim Team took to the Letterman pool August 14 and swam away with a 223-174 victory over the swim team from Albany.

The Aquarians placed 26 swimmers in first place during the meet. Individual results were as follows:

6-years old and under

Wendy Siefert—1st in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly;

Ann McConnell—2nd in the freestyle, and backstroke and 3rd in butterfly;

Teddy Dunne—1st in the freestyle and breaststroke, and butterfly, 2nd in backstroke and butterfly;

8 years and under

Holly Meegan—1st in freestyle, 2nd in breaststroke and butterfly;

Rebecca Askew—1st in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, 2nd in freestyle;

10 years and under

Bianca Trenker—1st in breaststroke and butterfly;

Lisa Bell—2nd in butterfly;

11-12 year old

Polly Slisz—1st in freestyle and butterfly;

Margie Moore—2nd in freestyle and butterfly;

Robin Wicks—1st in breaststroke and 3rd in freestyle;

Jacque Sowell—3rd in backstroke;

Billy Rainaldo—1st in butterfly, 2nd in freestyle and backstroke;

Todd Schneider—1st in breaststroke;

13 years and up

Sara Adams—1st in freestyle and backstroke

Julie Adams—1st in butterfly and 2nd in backstroke

Donna Hibbs—2nd in breaststroke and butterfly

Carol Meshinsky—2nd in breaststroke

Ken Smith—1st in freestyle and 3rd in butterfly

Corey Eazer—2nd in freestyle, breaststroke, and butterfly,

Byran Meegan—2nd in backstroke, and 3rd in freestyle,

Mike Trender—1st in backstroke and breaststroke

Andre Lafayette—1st in butterfly

Taking first place in the relay events was the **8 years and under team** of **Siefert, Askew, Meegan** and **Dunne;** the **11-12 year old 133 yrd Medley Relay** of **Schnedier, Rainaldo, Wicks,** and **Slisz;** the **11-12 year old 133 yard Freestyle relay of Slisz, Schnedier, Moore, Rainaldo;** and the **13 years and up 133 yard freestyle relay** of **Smith, J. Adams, Foye,** and **Eazer.**

The Aquarians also participated in a 24 team meet hosted by the Santa Rosa Neptunes on August 18 and 19. Six members of the team placed in the meet:

Siefert—6th in the 25 year freestyle

Trenker—6th in 100 yard individual medley and 50 yard backstroke

Wicks—2nd in 50 yard freestyle, 4th in 50 yard butterfly and 100 yard individual medley,

Slisz—2nd in 100 yard breaststroke and 50 yard breaststroke, 5th in 500 year freestyle,

Hibbs—3rd in 100 yard butterfly and 4th in 200 yard freestyle,

Meegan—4th in 200 yard freestyle and 5th in 100 yard backstroke;

Mike Trenker—3rd in 100 yard freestyle.

STROKIN'... Brian Russo swims towards the finish line and as part of the Presidio Aquarius Swim Team.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Soccer

In the first game, LAIR's Roko Smiljanic, scored the first hat trick of the season, as he kicked three goals in leading LAIR to a 6 to 4 victory over the 504 MP Battalion.

Flag Football

Action in the Presidio Intramural Flag Football league will begin Monday as LAMC and USAG square off in the first game of the season at 6:00 p.m. In the second game that evening, the PX takes on 666th Radar beginning at 7:30.

Fun Run

Arnie Sowell (Hqs 6th Army), a former Olympian (1956-800 Meters) is making a gradual comeback to competitive running by winning the Presidio's recent Fun Run Race.

Surprising many fine runners on the Presidio with his fluid stride and quiet manner, he followed Lair's Jim Moore for two miles then pulled away gradually over a flat three mile route along Presidio's scenic bay for a 16:21 victory. Jim Moore was clocked at 16:25. Lair's Val Coopes led all women finishers with a 21:20 time.

On the third Wednesday of each month a Fun Run Race is held starting at either gym No. 1 or gym No. 2. The distance varies from one to six miles. All levels of runners are invited to participate in these runs.

School bells ring at Education Center

ENGLISH as a Second Language. This program is designed for students whose first or native language is not English. The goal is for students to gain proficiency in English so they can function successfully in the culture and society of the US, acquire speaking, comprehension, and writing skills to perform competently on the job and to continue their education. An instructor is available at the Ft. Scott Education Center Monday thru Thursday, 1:00-6:00 pm, to conduct individual or small group classes. A diagnosis of each student's English language skills is made for placement into beginning, intermediate, or advanced level of instruction. The courses are especially appropriate for foreign born/speaking military personnel and dependents. For further information or to enroll call or visit the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 561-2974/4445.

Reading Courses. See how much you can increase your reading speed and comprehension in just eight sessions! The Education Center is offering a course in Speed Reading on Thursday, 12:30-2:30 pm, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 25. This course is especially good for people who have a lot of material to read on their jobs, who are enrolled in or planning to enroll in military or civilian schools or who want to read faster and better for their own personal development.

If your reading skills are not what you'd like them to be and you want to comprehend and remember what you read better than you do now, a Developmental Reading class may be just for you. This class is held Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-2:30 pm, from Sept. 5 to Oct. 24. To enroll in the Speed Reading or Developmental Reading class, call the Ft. Scott Education Center 561-2974/4445 to make an appointment to take a reading diagnostic test. The classes are open to military personnel, dependents and civilian employees.

GT Preparation Class. This program is an intensive review of English and math in preparation for retaking the Army Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) tests. The course is especially appropriate for military personnel who need or want to raise their GT score to reenlist, be promoted, or qualify for an Army service school. Classes will be held 7:30 am to 11:30 am, Mon-Fri, from Sept. 5 to Nov. 9 at the Ft. Scott Education Center. Call the Education Center, 561-2974/4445 to reserve a place in class.

Secretarial Skills. Military Correspondence, Shorthand and Typing classes will be held at the Ft. Scott Education Center from Sept. 5 to Nov. 2. The class schedule is as follows:

Military Correspondence, 7:30-8:30 am, Tues. thru Fri.

Beginning Shorthand, 8:30-9:30 am, Tues. thru Fri.

Beginning & Intermediate, 9:30-11:30 am, Tues. thru Thur.

Typing, 9:30-10:30 am, Fri.

Military personnel, dependents and civilians may enroll in these classes.

Refresher English and Test Preparation Class. Students will fully review writing and grammar skills including the sentence, parts of speech, punctuation, vocabulary building, and paragraph structure. This course is especially appropriate for personnel who need or want to review English before college entrance. It is also very effective for personnel preparing to take the English portion of the CLEP, SAT, ACT, and PACE. Class will be held 3:00-5:30 pm, Mon & Wed, from Sept. 5 to Nov. 7 at the Ft. Scott Education Center. Call 561-2974/4445 to reserve a place in class.

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

Emergency numbers

A new system of emergency phone numbers for the Presidio military police, fire department and ambulance has gone into effect. Users of these services may now call 561-5656 in addition to 117 to get the assistance needed. According to the post safety officer, the new system will eventually replace the 117 number.

ETSing?

Soldiers within 90 days of separation, are invited to attend an ETS Program on Thursday, August 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, Ft. Scott. Information about the current civilian job market, Federal jobs, apprenticeships, on-the-job training opportunities, financial aid for further education and your veteran's benefits will be available. Call 561-2974/4445 to reserve a place.

Retreat

The Post Chapel is sponsoring a Family & Singles Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Gualala. The theme of the retreat will be "It's Blowing In The Wind" (Models of Spirituality). Dr. William Hendricks, Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will be the retreat leader, and the Music Director will be Dr. Max Lyall, Assistant Professor of Church Music. For more information contact Chaplain Mills, Pastoral Services Center, 561-2527/5897.

Rec Center news

A tour to the **California State Fair** will leave the Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m., August 26. Reservations are still available for this one-day trip. Fair admission is $3 for adults. Children under 12 are free and senior citizens over 62 get in for half price.

The **13th Annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire,** is currently being held in the Blackpoint Forest in Novato. Discount coupons to the faire, which runs until Sept. 22, are available at the Recreation Center between 4:00-10:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for the **San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys** football game on September 9. Free transportation will be provided by the Recreation Center.

Tickets for the Sept. 1 **Ringling Bros. Circus** 3:00 p.m. performance are still on sale at the Recreation Center at a considerable savings.

Tickets for **Marriott's Great America** can also be purchased at the Recreation Center. Also available is Bugs Bunny Funny Money, redeemable for $2.50 in food, games, or merchandise.

THE PRESIDIO BICYCLE CLUB is now meeting at the Presidio Recreation Center on Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. This is a 10 speed bike club that is looking for serious bike enthusiasts. Trips are planned for Saturdays. Enrollment is open to the entire military community and DOD civilians.

USO survey

The Bay Area USO, Inc., through its East Bay Center, is performing a survey until September 15, to determine the number of military personnel and dependents traveling through the Oakland International Airport. To facilitate the accuracy of the survey, all military personnel and dependents traveling through that terminal are requested to sign in at the USO desk. The desk is open from 2:00 p.m., until midnight, and it is located on the street level floor near the baggage area. This is not a solicitation effort, only a survey.

Hispanic week

Hispanic Heritage Week will be observed during the week of September 10-16 both on the Presidio and in the Bay Area. In recognition of the many valuable contributions Hispanic-Americans have made to our society, a wide variety of activities are being planned, but your help is needed to make them a success. If you're interested in helping, you're invited to attend the weekly planning sessions every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in building 912.

Pre-school

The Presidio Pre-School and Kindergarten will begin the fall session on September 4. To attend, your child must be age 2 years and 9 months. The morning session is from 8:45-11:45 a.m., five days a week. The school offers extended service from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an additional charge.

Children are still being accepted for enrollment. For the classes that are filled, children are being accepted on a waiting list basis. If you are interested in having your child attend the Presidio Pre-School/Kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Arlyene Ballard, Director at 561-4805.

You can charge it

Patrons of the Presidio exchange's Redwood and florist shops may now charge their purchase according to Mrs. Sondra Bourne, PSF exchange manager.

As an added customer service, Army and Air Force Exchange Service concession outlets now have authorization to honor nationally accepted charge cards from their customers.

The change came about after the House Armed Services Committee approved a revision to the Department of Defense regulations governing exchange operations.

According to Mrs. Bourne, the same roving concessionaires may also accept the credit cards.

NCO club

The Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club now features a Special Buffet every Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. Until 10:00 p.m. you and your family can enjoy a selection of fine foods for a reasonable price. The club also has plenty of space for your social functions and parties. For more information call the club at 561-4914 or 561-4934.

Bag your own

"Bag-Your-Own" grocery service is now available at all check-out lanes in the Presidio commissary. You simply tell the cashier you do not want the bagger/carryout service.

Movies

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August 24	A Little Romance
August 25 (Matinee)	The Sea Gypsies
August 25	Star Crash
August 26	Hair
August 27	Hair
August 28	Force Ten From Navarone
August 29	An Unmarried Woman
August 30	Ashanti
August 31	Ashanti

Schwartz Theater at Letterman

August 24	Beyond The Poseidon Adventure
August 27	Infra-Man
August 28	The Deer Hunter
August 29	California Dreaming
August 30	Pets
August 31	A Little Romance

See Saturn at the Exploratorium

After a journey of more than six years, the Pioneer XI spacecraft will make an historic visit to Saturn and send back the first extra-terrestrial images of the ringed planet, almost one billion miles from the Earth. On Friday, August 31, and Saturday, September 1, from 6 to 10 p.m., the Exploratorium, just outside the Presidio, will hold a Saturn celebration. These first close-up pictures of Saturn and its rings, one of the most spectacular sights in the solar system, transmitted to the Exploratorium by microwave from the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, will be shown on a giant screen.

These two evenings commemorate ten years of space exploration in which we first visited the Moon, Mars, Venus and Jupiter and the tenth anniversary of the Exploratorium.

There will also be computer simulations of the Saturn fly-by, movies and videotapes of the previous missions, models of spacecraft, astronomers to provide commentary and answer questions and telescopes outside for viewing the heavens.

Some of the films and videotapes to be shown both evenings at the Saturn celebration include "Jupiter Odyssey," George Bolling's "Viking Mission to Mars," "Planet Mars," "Probing the Clouds of Venus," "Pioneer Venus," "The Eagle Has Landed," the story of the first lunar landing, and "The Universe," which explores the almost inconceivable extremes of size and time, from the vast islands of stars called galaxies to subatomic particles, from cosmic events that occurred billions of years ago to microcosmic events in the present.

The film "Mars In 3-D" will be shown hourly. Developed by Dr. Elliot C. Levinthal of Stanford University, it is viewed with special glasses and has a sound track of computer-generated music. Canyons as deep as the Grand Canyon are seen in full relief, and surface features on the ground project dramatically into the foreground. The ridges, outcrops and craters of the Martian terrain are shown in vivid, realistic detail.

A series of lectures has also been scheduled.

To purchase tickets or for further information, come to the Exploratorium office at 3601 Lyon Street in the Palace of Fine Arts, or call 563-7337.

SATURN in the night sky.

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BRIEFLY

Questions wanted

(PRESIDIO)— The Public Affairs Office is looking for people who would like to ask a question of the Secretary of the Army, or the Army Chief of Staff, or the Sergeant Major of the Army.

Questions asked by concerned Presidians will be videotaped and forwarded for response from the Army's senior leadership. The program is being conducted at various installations throughout CONUS and queries are currently being gathered.

Questions will be answered through a videotape reply. The number of responses will depend on similarity of questions, volume, program length and editing.

If you have a question about Army-wide policies that you would like to ask, contact the Public Affairs Office at 561-3908.

No alterations

(Washington)— DA officials announced recently that alterations to the new male long-sleeve, green service shirt to shorten the sleeves for wear as the new short-sleeves are unauthorized.

The long-sleeve shirt has a dress collar and was intended to be worn strictly with a necktie. The short sleeve shirt is constructed with a convertible collar which lays flat when opened. Neck ties are optional when shirts are factory manufactured as short sleeve shirts.

Due to procurement delays, short sleeve shirts will not be on sale in post exchanges until mid-September.

JROTC jobs open

(Washington)—Getting ready to retire and start a second career?

Officers and NCOS retiring within one year or who have retired within the last five years may qualify as instructors in the 'Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), according to Training and Doctrine Command officials at Fort Monroe, VA.

Officers (0-1 through 0-6), Warrant Officers and E-6s through E-9s may apply, officials said.

The JROTC program is offered at over 650 high schools throughout the nation. Instructors teach leadership development, map reading, marksmanship, methods of instruction and military history. Military drill, orientation trips, field trips, mini-summer camps on Army installations, and orienteering are offered in addition to the classroom instruction.

Officials say positions are available throughout CONUS as well as Puerto Rico, Europe, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Canal Zone and American Samoa. The most urgent needs, officials report, are instructors for positions in Georgia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, California, Washington, and Guam.

Information on pay, working hours, benefits, etc., is available by contacting one of the following JROTC region headquarters: ROTC Region One, Fort Bragg, N. C. 28307; ROTC Region Two, Fort Knox, K. Y. 40121; ROTC Region Three, Fort Riley, Kan, 66442; ROTC Region Four, Fort Lewis, Wash. 98433.

Presidio Hispanic celebration set

President Carter has declared Sept. 10-16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

The Presidio observance of this week will include a wide variety of activities. Among the highlights will be a "Low-Riders" exhibit at the Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC) parking lot beginning at noon Sept. 9. A tour of a Mexican museum and a discount lunch at a local Mexican restaurant is planned for Sept. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Post NCO/ Enlisted Club will host a special buffet and the Officer's Club will feature speciality night of Hispanic foods beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 12.

A Carnival Day will be held Sept. 14 in the parking lot behind building 34 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Recreation Center will sponsor a tour to Spanish missions around Monterey on Sept. 15 and the week will close with a trip to the Mission District street fair on Sept. 16.

The Presidio Army museum has artifacts concerning Hispanic-Americans currently on display. Guided tours may be arranged by calling Mr. Ed Green at 561-4115.

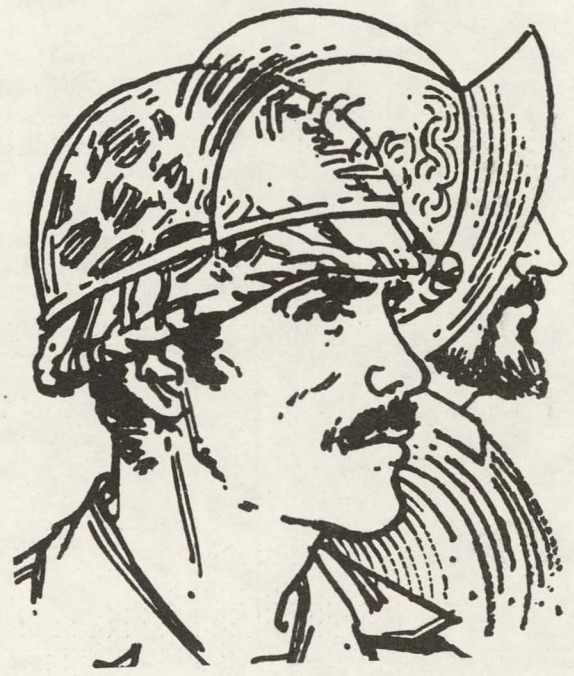
In his proclamation, the President called upon Americans to "reflect on the Hispanic Heritage of our nation and on the need to assure that all citizens share in the prosperity and abundance of our great country."

"From the earliest days of our nation's history, Hispanics have played a central role in our country's development. First as explorers, then as settlers, and today as leaders in all segments of society, men and women of Hispanic ancestry have contributed greatly to our national heritage."

"As a nation, we have not always properly appreciated these contributions. Too often, Hispanics have been the victim of stereotypes and prejudice. Even today, Hispanics endure a disproportionately high unemployment rate. As a nation, we must reaffirm our commitment to eliminate these residues of prejudice and bigotry."

"Our Hispanic American communities continue to grow with our nation. They share with our nation a deep pride in their language and culture, and a sense of justice and compassion which nurtures our democratic system and keeps it progressing. It is important that we recognize these singular benefits and encourage their perpetuation."

"This country must continue to provide its many ethnic groups with the opportunity to contribute their ideas, their experience, and their energies to the betterment of our society. We must be receptive to the richness of diverse cultures, but we also must work to assure that all Americans benefit in turn from the resulting improvements. With the assistance of our Hispanic citizens and through our own continued commitment, these goals will be achieved."



Schedule of Events

Sept. 9	
12:00-3:00 p.m.	Low-Riders Exhibit LAMC Parking Lot
Sept. 10	
11:00-1:30 p.m.	6th Army Band LAMC Dining Facility
11:30-12:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker Torney Hall
Sept. 11	
10:00-1:00 p.m.	Tour Mexican Museum and Lunch
11:00-11:54 a.m.	Film "Voice of La Raza" Torney Hall
Sept. 12	
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Fashion Show Torney Hall
5:00-10:00 p.m.	Hispanic Buffet NCO Club
5:00-10:00 p.m.	Hispanic Food and Music Officers Club
Sept. 13	
11:00-1:00 p.m.	6th Army Band Torney Hall
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Pinata Party 3rd Floor LAMC
4:15-5:30 p.m.	Hispanic Food HQ Co. USAG and 504th Dining Facilities
Sept. 14	
11:00-2:00 p.m.	Carnival Day Main Parade Ground
11:30 a.m.	Film-Mexican-American Speaks Torney Hall
7:30 p.m.	Hispanic Band NCO Club
Sept. 15	
09:00 a.m.	Rec. Center Tour to Monterey Missions PSF Bus Depot
Sept. 16	
11:00 a.m.	Mission District Street Fair Depart PSF Bus Depot

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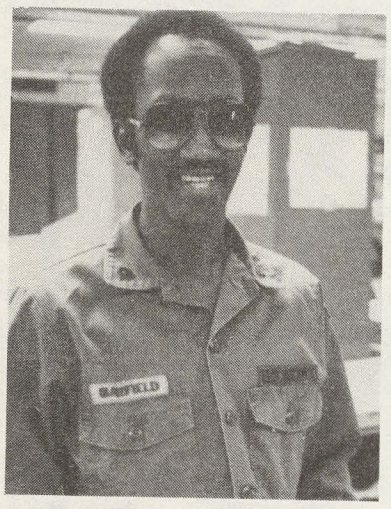
Ramblin' Sam

What teams would you like to see in the Super Bowl?

Sp4 Edward Harland, TMP: "The Seattle Seahawks and the New Orleans Saints. They need some new faces in the Superbowl and I like these two teams and would enjoy watching them battle it out."

Sp4 Sharon Weirich, Orderly Room Clerk, USAG: "The New England Patriots and the 49ers. I have a running rival with a friend as to which is best, the East Coast or the West Coast. He is for the West Coast and the 49ers and I am from New England and like the Patriots."

Mr. R. (Woody) Woodlief, Computer Specialist, MISO: "The Miami Dolphins and the Washington Redskins. The Redskins have a lot of old timers and I would like to see them make it and the Dolphins are my ex-hometown favorite."



Sp5 Eric Barfield, Computer Aid, MISO: "The Oakland Raiders and the Los Angeles Rams. The Raiders let me down last year but they're coming up strong now. It's also time for the Rams to make it."

Sgt Jim Schaale, 163rd MP Co.: "Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburg Pirates. They make for the best Superbowls, only this time Dallas will win."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is in reply to your August 17 article on guard duty.

Did you know or do you care that the soldiers assigned to U. S. Army Garrison pull guard duty from the first of each month to the 16th or 19th? At the same time we are also detailed to pull funeral detail. And then we hear from our supervisors that we can't be scheduled for both duties during the same time of month.

Did you also know that because we pull duty from the first through the 19th of the month that the MP's pull less of this duty than we do? Did you know that the orderly room at Hq. Co. USAG is exempt from duty? Why is this so? Why are they different from the other soldiers assigned to the unit? This could also be said about the engineers and the soldiers who work at the hospital. I mean, after all, we participate in mass casualty drills for Letterman. Have you ever asked how many duties people at Ft. Baker pull?

Our duty sections are always asking why isn't your work done or I can't understand why we didn't pass that big inspection. I'll tell them why, the duty sections won't stand up for their people. They won't tell the unit, no, when they call for that top urgent 'hey-you' detail.

I'm sure that if enough duty sections, the post sergeant major, and the post commander were aware of these problems, we would stop pulling all these unscheduled duties. Instead of losing all of these man-hours for these duties why don't they just hire a civilian security firm.

Concerned Garrison Soldier

Dear Concerned Garrison Soldier,

According to Capt. Sundra Boyd, Commander Headquarters Company, U. S. Army Garrison, those soldiers assigned to the unit only pull guard duty and funeral detail between the first and the 15th of the month.

The 504th MP Battalion, consisting of the 163rd, 170th, Police Companies, HHD, 504th MP Battalion, and the 51st Engineer Detachment, and Company D, 864th Engineers, takes over on the 16th of the month.

In addition to these duties the 504th also provides the color guard and the salute battery for all parades on post and for events off-post as well. Garrison is never given this task.

Capt. Boyd also stated that only those personnel necessary to keep the orderly room operating on a daily basis are exempt from duty. These individuals include the Operations NCO, the personnel services NCO, the company clerk, the mail clerk, the armor, and the supply sergeant. Three of these persons are not on the guard duty roster.

Western Region Recruiting Command, and the Letterman Army Medical Center are tenant units on either the Presidio or Ft. Baker. They pull their duties as directed by their own commands. In the case of LAMC, the majority of their personnel their are medics and other hospital technicians whose presence is required to provide quality and timely medical service.

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Article 15 filing rules change

The Presidio commanders will have greater flexibility concerning non-judicial punishment filing procedures starting tomorrow, according to DA personnel officials.

A number of changes affecting article 15 filing procedures have been approved by the Army Chief of Staff.

Local commanders may file minor punishment article 15's in either the Military Personnel Records Jackets (MPRJ) or in the performance fiche of the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) according to officials.

The personnel officials commented that commanders exercising special court-martial convening authority will determine filing status in cases of enlisted personnel in grades E-1 to E-5.

Filing for enlisted personnel in grades E-6 to E-9, warrant officers and officers will be determined by commanders with general court-martial convening authority.

"Minor punishment is defined as restriction or extra duty for 14 days or less, detention or forfeiture to be applied for not more than one month, correctional custody for seven days or less, admonition, or reprimand," explained the officials. "It also includes any combination of the above."

Other changes approved concerning Article 15 filing include:

Upon approval of a change in status form enlisted to officer or warrant officer, Article 15's received while in enlisted status will be filed in the restricted fiche.

Article 15's which have been set aside will be filed in the restricted fiches of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted members.

Upon an individual's request, Article 15's that were received by officers of warrant officers while serving in a prior enlisted status or Article 15's that were completely set aside prior to September 1, will be transferred to the restricted fiche. Such request will not constitute a basis for standby board consideration," according to officials.

"Article 15's in which other than minor punishment is initially imposed, will continue to be permanently filed according to existing procedures," remarked the officials.

"The changes were approved to give local commanders greater flexibility to administer non-judicial punishment without the long term effects of permanent filing in the OMPF," stated officials. "They were developed following an extensive review of Article 15 filing procedures and the recommendations of major command and DA staff," the officials said.

These changes, according to personnel officials, are some of the personnel actions DA is looking at to give commanders the tools they need to accomplish their command responsibilities.

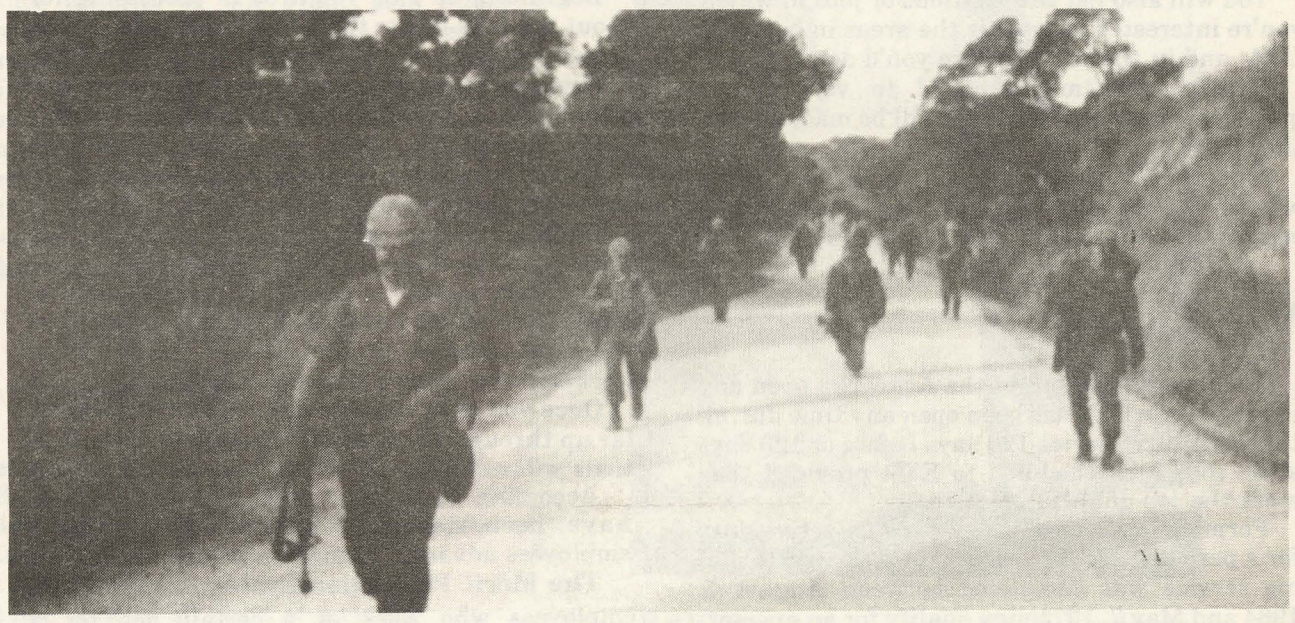
Co. D, 864th Engineers comes home

The members of Company D, 864th Engineers, returned to post last Friday after a week long ARTEP field training exercise at Fort Ord.

During the training extensive hands—on training was conducted in daily senarious led by platoon leaders, 2Lts George Horsham, Kevin Burr and Jim Grensted. The three covered areas such as night land navigation, calling for artillery support, route recon, demolitions, platoon tactics and ambushes, perimeter defense, CBR, POW handling, hasty protective minefields, minefield breaching, and company defense.

The company also participated in a forced road march, including a portion wearing their protective masks. Lead by LTC Gus Teller, the commander 504th MP Battalion, the unit successfully breached the training minefield.

Now that the unit has returned to the Presidio it will begin work on many engineering projects. The company moves out again in December.



MARCHING HOME... Members of Company D, 864th Engineers during a road march.

Play time should be safety time too

The police officer asked Eric what happened as the ambulance carried his friend Joey to the hospital.

Joey had been riding his skateboard down the hill when he hit a little hole in the road," said Eric. "The skateboard just stopped and Joey went sliding down the road on his face, hands and knees."

Joey is one of thousands of youngsters between the ages of five and 14 that are injured each year in accidents involving skateboards, bicycles, rollerskates, or involving other leisure activities like sandlot football.

Bikes

Bicycle injuries rank third in terms of greatest amount of personal injuries, (preceeded only by motor vehicle accidents and stairsteps), with some 448,000 persons injured in bike-related accidents in 1978. Again, youngsters between the ages of 5 and 14 account for six out of ten injuries.

The parents, with the child, should periodically inspect the bicycle to make sure that all the parts (handlebars, tires, pedals, brakes, etc) are in proper working condition.

A well maintained bike with required pedal, wheel, and front-back reflectors properly mounted is the key to a childs safety, as well as knowing the basic rules of the road.

While skateboarding, the child should wear the proper protective clothing and be advised of the safe areas for skateboarding. Most skateboard accidents are caused by a flaw in the skating surface, for example; holes in the road, rocks and sticks that can stop a skateboard unexpectedly and cause a serious accident.

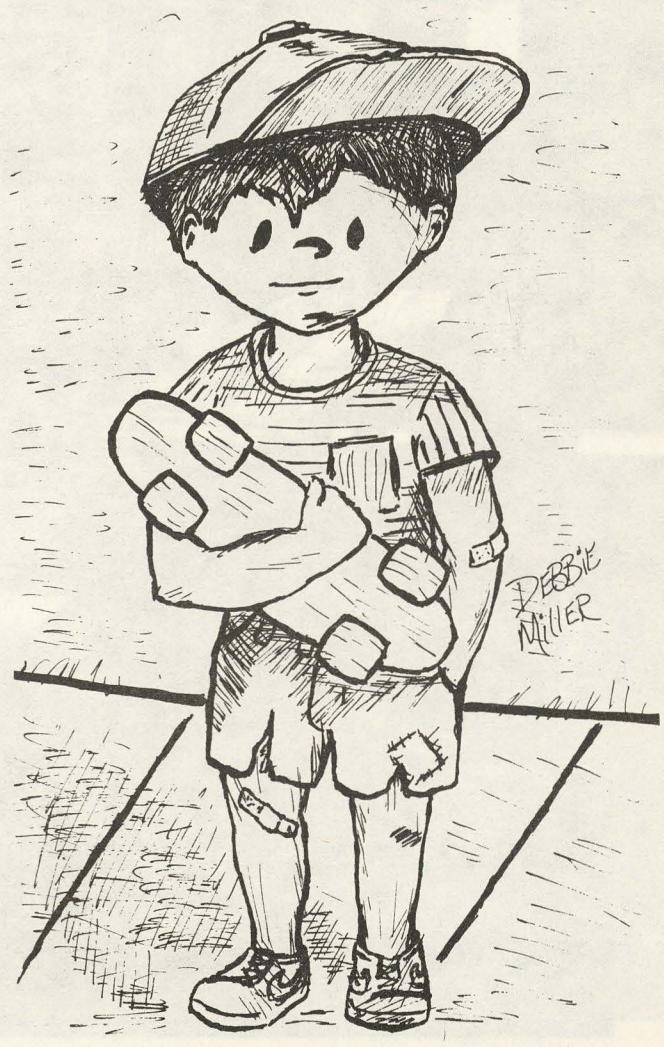
Parental interest in a childs safety can make leisure time more enjoyable. Take the time to instruct the youngsters on good safety habits and inspect the play areas for hazards.

A child who uses the road for bicycling, skating, or skateboarding should know the rules of the road as; to be alert for cars pulling away from the curb or driveway, and to watch for car doors that are opened unexpectedly.

Football

In football the first measure of protection is a sturdy well-fitted helmet. Because sandlot football games are seldom supervised and the play areas are not always the best, injuries in the 5 to 14 age group are second only to the 15 to 24 age group for those requiring hospitalization.

It doesn't matter what your child is playing at or with; minibikes, go-carts, gymnastics, soccer, playground swings, trampolines, horseshoes, skateboarding, bicycling or anything else, safety must come first.



Getting in, staying in, and advancing in civil service

by Tom Tiernan
Photos by John Green

WANTED: Thousands of men and women to fill jobs with the federal government. Positions in fields ranging from agricultural specialists to zoologist are open around the world.

Each year thousands of people apply for these jobs. Many of them find the process time consuming and frustrating. But by knowing what to do, you can save yourself alot of problems.

Applying

According to Mary Stump of the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office (CPO), the first place an individual should go is to the local Office of Personnel Management, formerly the Civil Service Commission. The San Francisco branch is located in the Federal Buiding at 450 Golden Gate Ave.

Here the individual completes a SF form 171, a Personal Qualifications Statement. It is important that you complete this form in great detail because your education and past experience are used to determine your job qualifications.

You will also list the positions or jobs in which you're interested as well as the areas in both the U. S. and in the world where you'd accept a job.

If any tests are required to verify your qualifications, arrangements will be made at this time.

After this processing is completed, your name will be entered on the register for those jobs that you are qualified for and interested in.

Vets

Soldiers getting out of the Army can open any job register which has been open any time during their military service 120 days before or 120 days after they are scheduled to ETS, provided they meet the job qualifications.

Former servicemen who served on active duty for a period of 180 days during which a portion of his service was completed between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 may qualify for an appointment under the Veteran's Readjustment Act.

To qualify, veterans must have been discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge or for a service connected disability. They can not have more than 14 years of education, unless they are 30 percent or more disabled.

The program gives qualified veterans a two year appointment in a grade level no higher than a GS-7. During this time they are encouraged to continue their education either by on-duty training or night college courses. At the end of their appointment they are converted to career conditional status.

Once your name is on the job register you may be notified of job openings in the areas and locations you've specified.

Interviews are then conducted and a selection is made. If the job/position is at the Presidio, the applicant will come to CPO first, then on to the interview. At this time interviews for other openings for which you are qualified may be arranged.

If selected for a job here you'll be notified to report to CPO on the first Monday you're able to come to work.

Going to work

Beginning at 7:30 you'll be in processing for about the next two to three hours. Included in the processing is an explanation of your benefits as a government employee. Information for your personnel file is collected and then it's off to your duty section.

You'll be given a grade level either as a GS (general schedule) or WG (wage grade). The basic difference between these classifications is that those listed as wage grade employees are blue collar workers such as laborers and auto mechanics. These individuals are paid at the prevailing local wage as opposed to the GSs or white collar workers who receive a straight salary.

Once you're in civil service you can advance as far up through the grade levels as your qualifications will allow.

According to Stump, a number of programs have been designed to help government employees advance. Among them are:

The Merit Promotion System which allows employees who work at a certain job for a specified period of time to receive a promotion to the next highest level. For example, a GS-4 clerk typist who works for a certain amount of time, may qualify for a position in that field at the GS-5 level.

Those employees who participate in either on-post training or college courses to improve their qualifications may accept a lateral appointment in another field. For example a GS-4 secretary who wanted to take a job as a medical secretary could qualify for the job if she took a course in medical terminology.

Promotions for employees in levels 1-5 can not jump more than two grades at a time. And those workers in grades 5-7 must spend a year at each level before being promoted.

The Intern Program allows employees to progress from grade 5 to 11 in a three year period. Interested employees must apply through the merit promotion system and be qualified for the program they want to enter. A mobility agreement is then signed which commits the applicant to move wherever his expertise is needed at the completion of his three years training.

Training for interns includes on the job experience with the individual leaving the Presidio only for TDY trips to schools in the speciality he's chosen.

At the end of the first year provided the worker has progressed to that level, he is promoted to GS-7. This program is open to specialities such as transportation, civilian personnel, finance, Public affairs and several others.

The final program is **Upward Mobility** which takes employees at levels GS 2-5 and helps them to move up to the next higher grade. The time spent in the program depends on the individual and the program he's in.

Training

In addition to these programs, training is available for employees at all levels. According to Ben Hipp of the CPO Training and Development Division, these classes are available through on post training, correspondence course and off-post training.

The training program is broken down into several sections to include those courses designed for non-supervisors, supervisors, career program employees and executive development.

Training for **non-supervisors** is designed to help improve job performance and knowledge. Courses being offered for the coming month includes: Management Orientation for Non-supervisors; Achieving Your Potential; Interpersonnel Communications, Secretarial and Clerical Decision Making, and Writing Effective Letters. These programs are not only open to civilians but also to some military personnel.

Supervisors of civilian employees are required by DA regulations to have at least 40 hours of supervisory development training within six months of appointment and a minimum of 80 hours within two years.

Courses planned for supervisors between September, 1979 and January 31, 1980 include: Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action; the Role of the Supervisor; Selection and Utilization of Personnel; Job Instruction Training; Position and Pay Management; Performance Appraisal; Effective Communications for Supervisors; Grievances, Discipline, and Recognition of Employees; Health and Sick Leave—Drug and Alcohol; and The Union and You—the Supervisor's Role in Union Management Relations.

Career development training is designed for those employees in grades GS-11 and above in 15 different programs such as civilian personnel, engineering, scientific research, Information and Editorial, and Equal Employment Opportunity, among others.

The training program for each individual is based on an evaluation of an individual's future potential known as the SKAP. The report is first completed by the individual who rates his future potential and states what he'd like to do in the future.

The evaluation is then filled out by the supervisor who must list the training provided to the individual in the past year compared to what was planned. He then gets with the individual and plans a training program for the coming year. The report is then completed by the reviewer.

The training available to those in the career program consists mainly of off-post training due to the highly specialized nature of their programs involved.

Executive development is available for all GS-12s and above.

Those who come to work with civil service are offered an attractive package of benefits in addition to promotions and training.

Benefits

All federal employees are eligible to participate in the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program (FEGLI).

FEGLI is designed to meet some of the insurance needs of government employees over the entire period of their service and if desired, their retirement years too.

After an employee receives a civil service career or career conditional appointment he becomes eligible for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

This voluntary program helps protect eligible family members against the cost of illness or accident. It gives the employee a choice of several plans all designed to provide him with insurance with less expensive premiums than he could get as an individual.

Other benefits of this group plan includes, guaranteed protection free from cancellation; coverage without medical examination or restrictions because of age or physical condition; catastrophic coverage to help pay the expenses of serious illness or accident and the government contribution toward the plan plus any others.

Other benefits available to government employees include annual and sick leave, paid holidays and a retirement plan.

Retirement

Retirement from civil service is no longer mandatory at any age. Employees may retire whenever they meet one of the following requirements:

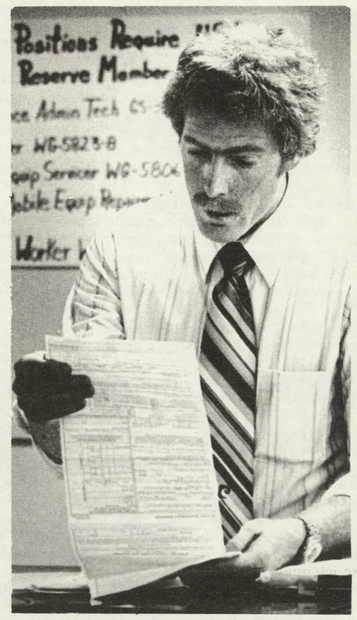
At age 55 with 30 years of service;

At age 60 with 20 years of service;

and at age 62 with 5 years of service. Former service members have their time in the Army counted toward their retirement.

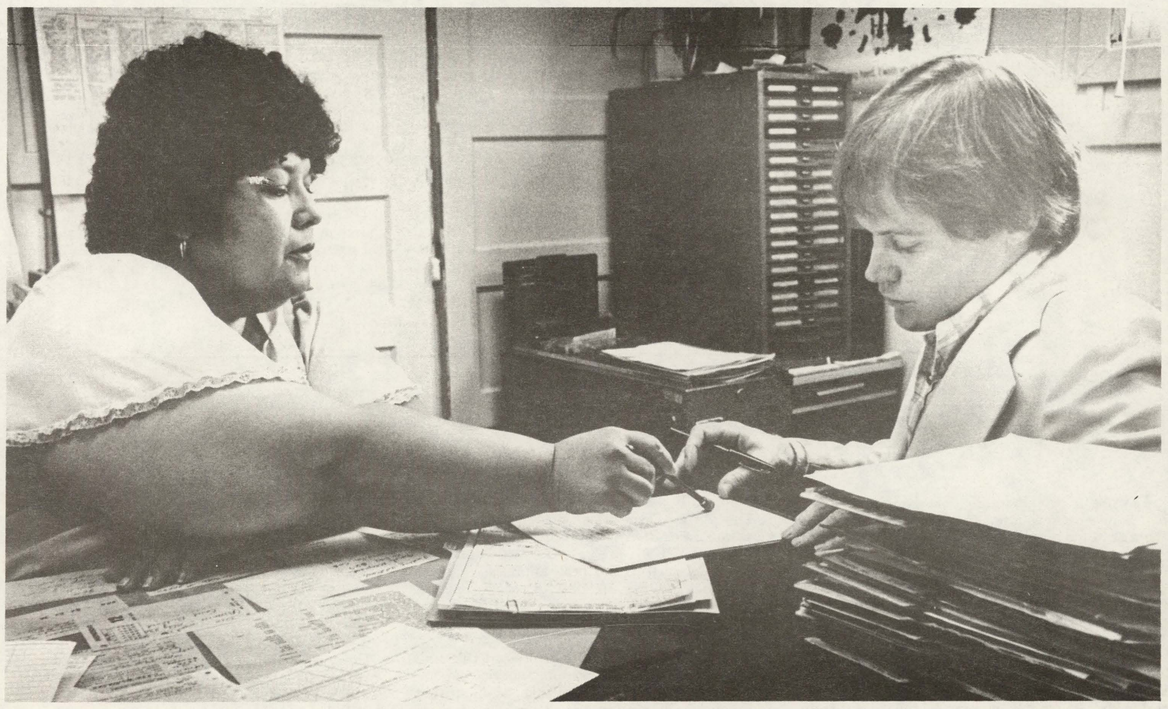
Upon retiring, government employees begin receiving a monthly retirement based on their highest annual salary over three years. The pension comes from a fund which the employees has contributed to throughout his employment. When this fund runs out, the government provides the money.

Government service is not for everyone, but if you are thinking about it or are already in civil service, the more you know about the system the quicker you can move ahead.



REVIEWING... Ken Valk reviews an application before the applicant goes on an interview.

FILING... Mary Rich checks personnel files for accuracy.



PROCESSING... Eleanor Castorina processes a new employee, Kiaran McKa, into his new job.

OER, rated officers get a say

Officers who receive an OER later this year will notice that their evaluations will not be on the forms they've been accustomed to seeing.

The newest OER form, DA Form 67-8, is just one part of the newly designed officer evaluation process. In addition, two supplemental forms will be used to put together an evaluation profile based on a rated officer's performance and potential for advancement.

A major feature of the new system is the importance being given to the rated officer in his own rating. Previously, the rated officer did not participate in an evaluation. DA Form 67-8-1 will allow the rated officer to "rate" himself.

At the beginning of the rating period, the rated officer will list his duties and responsibilities, performance objectives, and significant contributions on DA Form 67-8-1. It will be used, initially, as a worksheet for the rated officer and the rater to discuss duties and objectives of the rated officer. As the rating period progresses, the form will be updated or revised as circumstances change.

A final, revised 67-8-1 will be completed once the rating period ends. It becomes an important document for those in the rating scheme to evaluate the rated officer.

The rater will review the 67-8-1 and may enter comments on the back of the form. Based on the 67-8-1, the rater is ready to evaluate the rated officer and complete the rater portion of the Officer Evaluation Report (DA Form 67-8).

The 67-8 is forwarded to the intermediate rater (previously known as the indorser). Again, the 67-8-1 is reviewed and the intermediate rater part of the OER will then be completed.

The OER is then ready for the third person in the rating scheme—the senior rater. Unlike the reviewer on the old OER, the senior rater is important in judging the rated officer's potential for advancement. He will review the 67-8-1 and the rater and the intermediate rater portions of the 67-8.

A major or GS-14 will be the minimum grade for a senior rater of a warrant officer or lieutenant. The minimum grade of a senior rater will vary with the grade of the rated officer.

The establishment of a minimum grade for a senior rater ensures that someone who is at least one level away from the rater will evaluate the rated officer. This is a significant feature of the new evaluation process.

The senior rater will judge the rated officer against the intricacies required by the overall organization and in comparison to a large number of officers. Less emphasis will be placed on personal relationships and personality traits.

The senior rater will place the rated officer (by using an "X") where he thinks the rated officer fits in a 100 officer comparison model (as shown below). In the "Comments" block, an evaluation of potential will be given.

Once the senior rater has completed the OER, the 67-8-1 will be returned to the rated officer.

Until the OER reaches HQDA, the OER is not complete. Information concerning the senior rater's rating history with officers in the same rank of the rated officer will be added in the block marked "DA Use Only" (as shown below). Tracking of a senior rater's ratings will be kept on file on DA Form 67-8-2—Senior Rater Profile Report.

With increased participation by officers in their own ratings and the creation of the senior rater concept, officers will receive a new, more comprehensive evaluation of their work.

Senior Rater

When The Grade Of The Rated Officer Is:	The Minimum Grade Of The Senior Rater Is:
WO, 2LT, 1LT	MAJ, GS-14
CPT	LTC, GS-14
MAJ	COL, GS-15
LTC	BG*, COL, GS-16
COL	MG*, BG, GS-17
BG, MG	Senior To Rater And Intermediate Rater.

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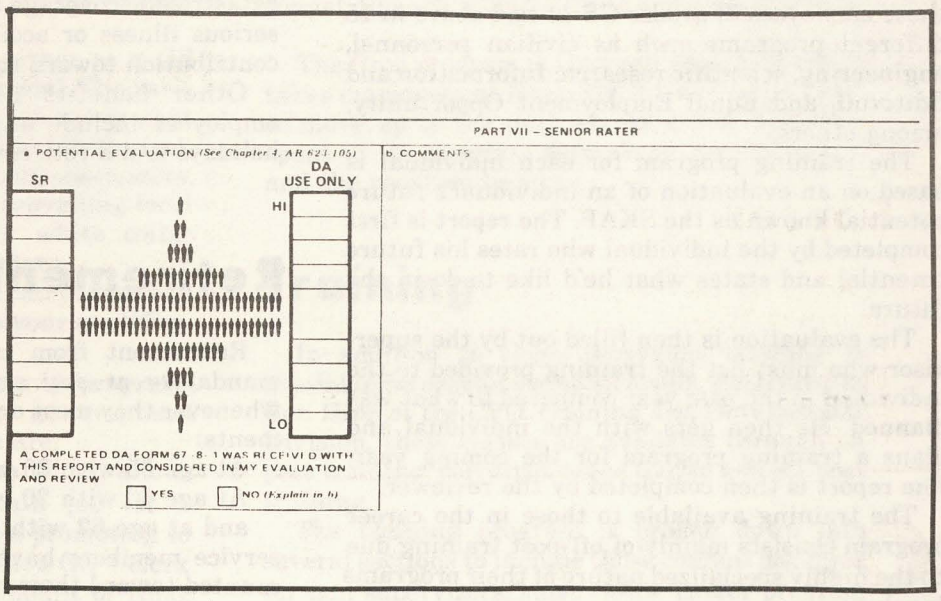


Transition begins Sept. 15

Transition to the new Officer Evaluation Reporting System will occur between September 15 and November 1, 1979. Transition to the new system will be preceded by a closeout of the present system (a final report using DA Form 67-7).

Officers who receive an OER on or after September 15, 1979, but prior to November 1, 1979 come under the provisions of the new regulation, as of their new "from" date. If the report is a DA Form 67-7, it is their closeout report. (Example: An officer receives an annual DA 67-7 on September 23, 1979. This report serves as their closeout report and they come under the provisions of the new regulation on September 24, 1979).

Officers who receive an OER prior to September 15, 1979, but do not begin a new rating period until September 15, 1979 or later, come under the new regulation as of the beginning date of the new rating period. The last DA 67-7 they received will be their closeout report.

Officers who begin a new rating period prior to September 15, 1979 and do not receive a DA 67-7 during the period September 15, 1979 to October 31, 1979 will receive one as of October 31, 1979. This report is their closeout relort.

Officers who are in attendance at a resident course of instruction on October 31, 1979 will not receive a closeout report. The last DA 67-7 received prior to beginning the course serves as their closeout report.

New catalog service saves money

Patrons of the Presidio Post Exchange now have a new catalog ordering service that can help them save money.

According to Mrs. Sundra Bourne, Exchange manager, the new "Over-the-Counter" catalog sales program began here last month as part of a CONUS wide program. The service is not available overseas or in Hawaii or Alaska.

The 'over-the-counter' program makes available certain catalog items for shipment to the Presidio PX rather than to the customer's home, states Mrs. Bourne. By picking up the item at the PX the customer saves the postage and handling fees normally associated with catalog sales.

Those items specifically identified in the "Catalog Sales at AAFES Stores" section of the 1979/80 AAFES Catalog (U.S. edition) are available under the new program.

"Besides saving in delivery costs," Mrs. Bourne said, "Presidio customers will find that participation in the program is convenient and simple."

All the customer has to do is present the completed order form to the customer service personnel who will then check with the catalog warehouse to determine if the item is in stock. If it is in stock, the order will be shipped to the Presidio exchange. When it arrives the customer will be notified that it is ready to be picked-up.

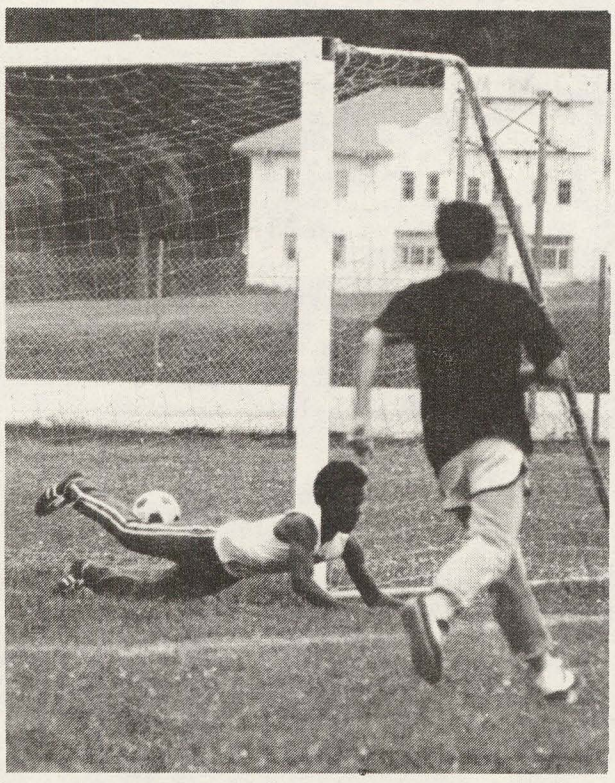
If the item isn't available in the catalog warehouse, the customer may elect to have his order held for 21 days until it can be filled, or he can simply cancel the order.

Telephone orders will be accepted under this new program, according to Mrs. Bourne. However, customers must pick up their orders in person. To place an order customers should call 561-2444 during normal store hours.

Delivery time will vary between seven and ten days, states Mrs. Bourne.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

by Bob Gascon



SCORE... Richard Pacheco, scores a goal for the 51st Engineers during recent soccer action. Pacheco lead his team to a 5-2 victory over LAIR with three goals. (Photo by Noli Manus)

Soccer

Action in the Presidio Soccer League got underway Tuesday evening as the 504th MP Battalion ran over LAIR 4-0. The 51st Engineer Detachment followed by bulldozing LAIR 5-2, and the 504th MP Battalion stopped the Shamrocks 4-2.

Basketball

Sparked by Jacob Wilson and Henry Dillard, Team 2 went on to capture the Presidio Summer Basketball championship with a 9 and 1 record. Team 4 behind captain Robert Clipper finished in second place with a 7 and 3 record. Six teams selected from a pool of 80 players formed the league.

Wilson (864th Engineers) had a five game average of 23 points while Dillard (USAG) scored 181 points in ten games.

Other members of the team included: Anthony Patterson (USAG), Richard Allen (USAG) Robert Mays (USAG) and Robert Rodger (864th Engineers).

Flag football

In the first week of Flag Football competition the Corps of Engineers squeezed by the PX 15-14 while LAIR mauled LAMC No. 2 26-16. Action continues Monday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Scott Field.

Swimmers wanted

The Presidio Aquarius Swim Club is looking for youngsters six through 18 years of age who are interested in competing in meets in the Bay Area.

The new swimmers should be able to swim the length of the pool and must be dependents of active military personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio or of retired military and reserve living in the Bay Area.

For those interested in joining the swim club there will be a one week free trial. Interested swimmers should be at the pool at 4:00 p.m. any weekday. An initial $10.00 registration fee is required for the first month's dues and AAU registration which can be paid to the membership chairman when he visits your home following acceptance on the team.

After a new member participates in his first meet, he will receive an Aquarius jacket, swim bag, patch and swim cap.

Swimmers are expected to attend at least three of the five practices held each week. The practices are from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays.

Parents are responsible for the travel of the swimmers to the meets which are normally a short driving distance. The best means is to share driving with other parents on the team.

Don Parez is the teams head coach. His association and love of swimming began with his earliest years and continued through high school and college. Because of his coaching experience, swimming expertise, dedication and patience he has led the Presidio team to many ribbons, medals, and trophies throughout the Bay Area.

Perez is assisted by Morgan Kulla, who works with the team's junior swimmers who are just learning to swim in competition. She is a long distance swimmer with the Dolphin Club of San Francisco and has competed in events in Hawaii and California.

Besides swimming, the Presidio Aquarius Swim Club participates in other activities such as; an annual ski trip in February or March, a spring outing to Great America and a semi-annual awards banquet where all swimmers are recognized for their progress and participation.

Parents are not only encouraged to participate but are asked to take part in one of the standing committees of the club.

For more information contact Ken Hibbs, membership chairman, at 752-0162.

Off Post: A look at Bay area events

by Mariette Fillman

Sports! Music! Exhibits! Wilderness! They're everywhere you look. Now you can find them all in one place—OFF POST!

As a regular feature of the **Star Presidian,** OFF POST! will spotlight weekend events in San Francisco and places to visit around the Bay.

Of course, good times are even better when the price is right. Most of the events in OFF POST! are free or will feature reduced rates and accessible by Muni bus from the Presidio. We'll recommend travel to suggested spots beyond the City that won't drain your full gas tank.

Information listed is accurate at press time, but may be subject to change. You may want to double-check operating hours of distant places; phone numbers are provided as available.

So, lock your desk, hang up your uniform, and make plans to enjoy this Labor Day weekend doing something you enjoy.

Tonight

The Exploratorium, features a Saturn Celebration from 6:00-10:00 p.m. The show will be repeated Saturday, at the same time. (3601 Lyon Street Palace of Fine Arts, adjacent to the Presidio). Call 563-7337 for details.

Tomorrow

In Golden Gate Park:

An **art show** sponsored by the San Francisco Artist Guild beginning at 9:00 a.m. along Kennedy Drive near the Conservatory (enter park from Fulton Street and Arguello Blvd).

The Gospel group, **"redeemed"** will perform at noon at the Band Concourse, near Seventh Ave., opposite de Young Museum.

Eastern tours of the Park begin at 10:00 a.m. at McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets.

Plant Walks are held between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. beginning at the Kiosk, Strybing Arboretum (near the park's entrance at Ninth Ave and Lincoln Blvd).

A Strawberry Hill Tour meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden, near the intersection of Fulton and Park Presidio Blvd.

All activities listed for Golden Gate Park are free.

On Union Square (Geary and Powell Streets, downtown): a Jazz concert by "Santur," begins at noon. Free of charge.

Angel Island

Angel Island, with its miles of trails, spectacular views, and choice picnic sites, offers an ideal Labor Day retreat.

Remnants of its colorful past dot the island, giving it the atmosphere of a ghost town. Nineteenth and early twentieth-century forts await restoration; building interiors are off-limits because of their dilapidated condition. But you can still stroll the parade ground at Camp Reynolds or wander the streets below the officers' quarters at East Garrison.

State park rangers will greet your ferry at Ayala Cove, where you'll find restrooms and a snack bar. Pick up a map at the information center near the picnic area. Pause to reflect on the historical exhibits there. The center is housed in a building that was once part of the island's immigration center at the turn of the century.

Island-bound ferries leave Pier 41 at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf at 10 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 3:45p.m., and 5:30 p.m. The last boat back to the City departs the island at 6:15 p.m. Park admission is included in the round-trip fares of $4.25 for adults, $2.25 for children 5-11. Telephone 546-2805/2815 for more information. (Ferry service is also available from Tiburon in Marin; call 435-2131.)

Tip: Ride the bus to the Wharf and avoid the parking hassle. From the Presidio take Muni's No. 45-Greenwich to Van Ness, walk one block east to Polk and transfer to the No. 19-Polk, which stops opposite Pier 41.

Ticket sales

The Presidio Recreation Center has a variety of tickets to Bay Area events on sale daily. Included are:

Sept. 1—**San Francisco Giants vs. Pittsburg Pirates** at Candlestick Park. This is a doubleheader and only box seat tickets are available;

Tickets for some 49ers home games are available at the center;

Sept. 14—**San Francisco Giants vs. the Houston Astros.** Only box seat tickets are available;

Sept. 22—**Army vs. Stanford** at Stanford. These reduced tickets are available to all interested personnel.

Great America Discount tickets and Bugs Bunny Fun Money are also available. Great America will only be open on weekends beginning Sept. 9. The Park closes October 14 for the season.

Renaissance Pleasure Faire at the Black Point Forest near Novato continues through Sept. 23. Discount coupons are available for those seeking ye olde goode time.

For more information call the Recreation Center at 561-2000 between 4:00-10:00 p.m. Or stop by building 1299, the Log Cabin.

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

CFC bus

A bus to the CFC kickoff luncheon at Treasure Island. The bus will depart at 11:15 a.m. from behind building 38. For more information call LTC Park at 561-3973/4722.

Mon Night Football

The Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club will now be open on Monday beginning at 4:00 p.m. All you sports fans can now enjoy Monday night football on the wide screen TV at the club.

Ed Center news

Spelling Workshop. Would you like to be a better speller? If so, now is the time to take the time to improve your spelling skills. A Spelling Workshop will be held Tuesday & Thursday,5:00-6:00 pm from Sept. 11 to Oct. 18, 1979 at the Ft. Scott Education Center. Whether you need to brush up on a few forgotten rules or need a more comprehensive review of basic spelling principles, this class is for you. The teacher will design the course material around the needs of the students and will work with students on an individual basis. To enroll in the course call the Education Center at 561-2974/4445. The course is open to military personnel, dependents and DA civilians.

Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP). This program consists of high school level English, math, reading, and social studies classes. It is especially appropriate for personnel who need to raise their reading, vocabulary, spelling and math skills to meet Army standards. Personnel enrolling in this program without a high school diploma or state GED certificate can obtain a diploma or certificate if they successfully complete the classes and pass the GED tests because the classes are accredited by Galileo Community College Center of San Francisco. Classes will be held 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri, from Sept. 5 to Nov. 9 at the Ft Scott Education Center. Military personnel, dependents and civilians can enroll in these classes. For further information or to enroll call the Education Center 561-2974/4445.

Refresher Math and Test Preparation. This course will be conducted on an individualized basis. Students can review any or all of the following: fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, metric system, introduction to algebra and geometry, common mathematical formulas, conversions, and consumer math. This course is especially appropriate for individuals who use math in their jobs; to prepare for the SQT, ACT, SAT, CLEP and Civil Service math exams; to review for college entrance and for personal use. Class is held Mon thru Thur., 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, from Sept. 5 to Nov. 8. Students need not attend class all four days each week since the teacher works individually with the students at their own level. For further information or to enroll, call 561-2974/4445. Class is open to military personnel, dependents and civilians.

Business English. Students who enroll in this course will study written communication skills with a view toward mastery of English as it relates to business. Students will work on vocabulary development, spelling, grammar and punctuation while they practice writing business letters, reports and memoranda. These skills are requirements for success in any occupation. The course is especially appropriate for entry-level office workers and clerk typists already on the job, and others who want to review their English skills. Two classes will be held from Sept. 5 to Nov. 1 at the Ft. Scott Education Center. One class will meet on Mon & Wed from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and the other class will meet on Tues & Thurs from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Call 561-2974/4445 to reserve a place in class. Military personnel, civilians and DAC's can enroll.

There are no fees for these courses.

Playhouse tryouts

Tryouts for "VERONICA'S ROOM," the opening production of the Presidio Playhouse's 13th season, will be held Sept. 11 and 12, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The play is an adult fingernail chewing thriller-chiller, by Ira Levin, author of "Rosemary's Baby" and "Deathtrap."

"Veronica's Room" calls for a cast of one girl, early twenties; one man, mid-late twenties; one woman, 40-60 year range; and one man, 40-60 year range. Tryouts are open to anyone interested. Appointments for an audition on one of the above dates can be made by calling the Playhouse, 561-3992, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. during the week.

The Presidio Players' production will open a four weekend run at the Playhouse on October 26, just in time for a Halloween treat—or scare, as the case may be.

Technical help is also needed in all phases of theatrical production—scenery, lighting, costuming, properties, etc. Those interested in backstage positions should also contact the Playhouse. Rehearsals and technical preparations are conducted after normal duty hours on evenings and weekends. Past theatrical experience is not required.

Army vs Stanford

An Army-Stanford Football weekend will be held September 21 and 22 for all active and retired officers.

The weekend starts with a get together at the Presidio Officer's Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sept. 21. On hand will be the Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy and the academy's football coach. Cost of the event is $2 and payment must be received by September 10.

A bus trip to see the Army-Stanford games will depart the Officers' Club at 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 22. Coffee and donuts will be served from 10:00 a.m. until the bus leaves. Interested persons must send a $7 check before Sept. 12.

Checks for either the get-together or the trip to the game should be sent to:

Secretary, West Point Society
PO Box 29263
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129.

Further details may be obtained by calling Maj. Ralph Cruikshank at 561-4648.

Star Presidian survey

The Star Presidian readership survey has been sent out to a random selection of our readers. A return date of August 27 was requested. That date has been extended to Sept. 4. If you received a copy of the survey please complete the form and return it to AFZM-PAO-CI, or to Bldg. 37 Rm. 219.

Movies

Presidio
Sept. 1—Mad Monstery Party (PG) (Matinee)
Sept. 1—C. H. O. M. P. S. (PG)
Sept. 2—Saturday Night Fever/Grease (PG)
Sept. 3—Saturday Night Fever/Grease (PG)
Sept. 4—Tilt (PG)
Sept. 5—The Dark (R)
Sept. 6—The Prisoner of Zenda (PG)
Sept. 7—The Prisoner of Zenda (PG)

Schwartz Theater at Letterman
Sept. 3—Star Crash (PG)
Sept. 4—Hair (PG)
Sept. 5—Force Ten From Navarone (PG)
Sept. 6—An Unmarried Woman (R)
Sept. 7—Ashanti (R)

DACs entitled to their leave

Have you ever put in a request for annual leave and been turned down, only to lose a portion of that leave at the end of the year?

All Federal employees have the right to take annual leave when they request it and be safeguarded against losing leave if it isn't approved, according to DA officials.

Federal agencies must respect employee requests for annual leave. If the leave request is not approved by the agency, the office must then prove that heavy workloads actually prohibit the approval of leave for that time.

An employee's supervisor must now include written justification of why the leave was disapproved under the "disapproved" block of the annual leave application form (Revised SF 71). At the same time, the annual leave must be rescheduled for another time chosen by the employee.

In the case of "use or lose" leave, an employee who requests leave and loses it because of unexpected heavy workloads should make sure the supervisor takes action to have the leave restored. If rescheduling of leave isn't possible in the immediate future, the employee can apply to have it carried over into the next leave year.

Several years ago, the leave law was changed to give Federal workers the right to transfer unused leave when use was denied because of office demands. However, many agencies did not justify disapproved leave or even bother to reschedule it. As a result, some employees' leave plans were cancelled and some even lost amounts of unused leave.

Therefore, Federal employees should make sure that correct procedures are taken in order to reschedule or restore leave, according to officials.

Federal employees who would like more information on annual leave rights should contact their personnel office. Accumulating leave takes time, so don't lose it. Enjoy it while you can. (ARNEWS)

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Pay raise may be 7 percent

October pay may increase seven percent for federal civilian and military personnel.

The President proposed to Congress last Friday a pay increase of seven percent instead of the 5.5 percent included in the FY 80 budget, it was announced at a White House press briefing.

Accoridng to the White House, the proposal will provide larger increases for civilian employees earning less than $8,990 per year because they have been hit hardest by the rises in the cost of living.

The military raise, according to the White House, would not be reallocated this year, but would apply equally to base pay, quarters allowance and subsistence allowance.

The President recognizes that employees are faced with a higher cost of living than when he submitted his 1980 budget.

What will seven percent mean in dollars? The following are typical examples:

The base pay of an **E-4 over three** would increase about **$39.50 a month;**

Base pay for an **E-7 over 12** would increase about **$63.77 a month;**

Base pay for an **0-3 over four** would increase about **$94.56 a month;**

Base pay for an **0-5 over 18** would increase **$150.90 a month;**

Quarters and subsistence allowances for military personnel would increase seven percent also;

Annual salary of a **GS-5 step** three would increase **$784.59** and the annual salary for a **GS-11 step two** would increase at about **$1,393.35.**

"Inflation continues to be the single greatest threat to our economy and the national problem of foremost concern," the President said.

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Six year obligation will be met by soldiers given early release

Beginning October 1, soldiers separating before completing their first enlistment may be transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) instead of receiving a discharge, DA officials announced this week.

Soldiers separating after completing basic training or at least eight weeks of one station unit training will be transferred to the IRR to complete their six-year obligation, officials said.

The new policy applies to regular Army soldiers, Army reservists and National Guardsmen separated for such reasons as:

Dependency, when because of death or disability of a family member, other members of the family become principally dependent on him for care or support.

Hardship.

When the soldier is unable to perform duties due to **parenthood.**

Additionally, soldiers separated under the trainee discharge program, the Expedition Discharge Program or because of unsuitability due to apathy may also be transferred to the IRR, officials said. In these cases, however, commanders will direct discharge of those soldiers identified as having no potential for useful service during full mobilization.

The IRR is a control group for individuals who chose not to become members of an organized active reserve unit. There are no drills or summer camp nor do members of IRR receive any pay, states Capt. Lance Granger of the Strength Improvement Office at Sixth Army.

"Soldiers who are transferred from active duty to IRR can still be promoted," says Granger. "By taking correspondence courses and requesting annual training, the individual can remain proficient in his MOS and still get promoted. In fact a soldier can reenlist in the IRR and eventually retire if he earns enough points toward retirement."

The purpose of the new policy, according to a DA spokesman is to assure that no servicemembers who have not completed the six-year obligation are discharged if they have potential for service during full mobilization.

In the past, those leaving active duty before completing their first enlistment were relieved of their six year obligation.

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Promotions up for some

Presidio company commanders have been given more latitude in promoting E-3s, according to Capt. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

The increase is the result of an easing of the Army-wide restrictions on promotion to E-4, explained Babylon.

"Here at the Presidio, this will mean one or two more soldiers per unit, who meet the qualifications and show potential, will be able to be promoted," states Babylon.

The Army raised the limit on the number of E-4s allowed from 65 to 70 per cent of the total number of E-3s and E-4s regardless of time in service.

To determine the numbers of E-3s who can be promoted, personnel officials add the number of E-3s who can be promoted, personnel officials add the number of E-3s and E-4s in the command, and multiply by 70 percent to get the total number of E-4s allowed. From this figure they subtract the number of E-4s in the command to determine the number of E-3s who can be promoted.

For example, 50 E-3s and 60 E-4s are assigned to a command. To find the total number of promotions to E-4 allowed, the number of E-3s and E-4s assigned are added for a total of 110. This figure is multiplied by 70 per cent to get the maximum number of E-4s authorized in the command (110 x .70=77).

The number of E-4s already in the command is then subtracted (77−60=17). In this case, 17 E-3s, including those with time in service waivers, could be promoted to E-4.

If, however, the command finds it already has more E-4s than authorized, eligible E-3s with 18 months time in grade may still be promoted.

The 65 percent restriction was set last February to curb an excess of E-4s. The Army's E-4 strength has now been reduced to an acceptable level which now allows an increase of five percent.

Current waiver rules remain unchanged. In addition, promotions to E-4 guaranteed in enlistment contracts or through the stripes for skills program are exempt from the restrictions.

CFC kick off Sept. 13

The Army community will kick off its 1979 Combined Federal Campaign at 11 a.m. September 13 on the Presidio Parade Field adjacent to Bldg. 38, Sixth Army Headquarters.

The kick-off program, to which all military and civilian personnel as well as the general public are invited, will feature music by the Sixth Army Band and a free fall parachute demonstration by the Sixth Army Parachute Team headed by Maj. Bruce Wicks.

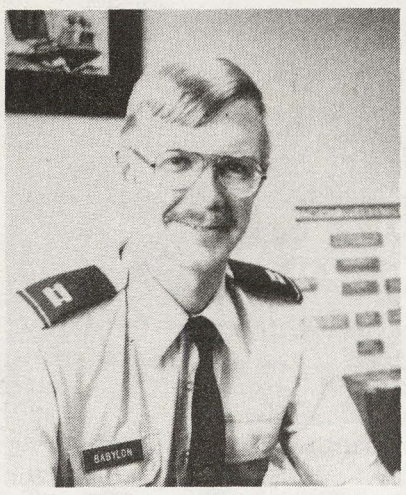
The Presidio CFC is a part of the San Francisco Bay Area CFC which includes all civilian federal government employees and military personnel in the five county area of Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo and San Francisco. Monies generated from the campaign go directly to the more than 200 member agencies of the United Way, National Health Agencies and International Service Agencies.

The campaign is scheduled to run through November 16.

Ramblin' Sam

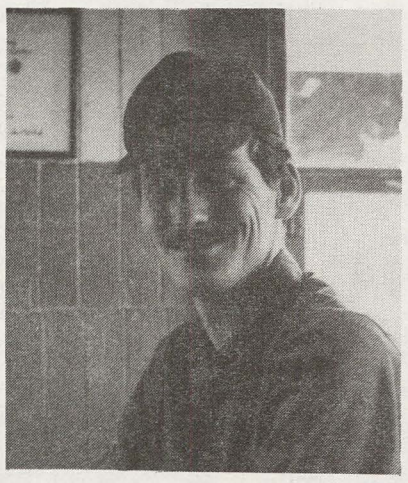
If you were Army Chief of Staff what change would you make?

SP4 Glen Turner, Compact... "I would ease the restrictions on hair length. The hair doesn't determine how good a soldier a person can be."



Capt. William Babylon, Personnel Officer, Compact... "Without sufficient information on the problems the Chief of Staff may face and being in the personnel business I would have to concentrate on the individual soldier. Specifically, I would put much greater emphasis on individual training. This would make each soldier's job more meaningful and personally rewarding, giving him a better feel for his role in the Army."

PFC Don Munn, Driver, TMP... "There are so many things that I feel needs changing. I don't really know which would be the most important, however, I feel very strongly about keeping women out of combat."



SP5 Carl Windisch, Finance NCO, Welcome Center—"I would equalize the pay, regardless of marital status, in reference to those allowances which distinguished between single and married service members, such as BAQ w/Dep, BAQ/OR, rebate, and COLA."

PFC Irene Hart, Mail Clerk, Distribution Center—"I would reduce overseas tours to 18 months. It would give soldiers greater opportunities to see other areas."

Hispanics

Many contributions

Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 10-16, provides us an opportunity to recognize the many contributions which Spanish-speaking Americans have made to our nation.

Although often overlooked, the contributions of Hispanic-Americans to our culture and way of life are significant. Without the Spanish influence, our country would lose an important part of our identity as a nation.

Despite these contributions, Hispanic Americans have often been the victims of prejudice and discrimination. Their rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," have often been denied because of their cultural heritage.

Too often we tend to forget that others of different backgrounds and cultures are human beings. We forget that they too are entitled to the basic human rights of dignity and self-respect.

Our forefathers said it best, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights..." To deny our Hispanic brothers and sisters those things to which they are entitled both as human beings and as Americans is an insult to the principles upon which our nation is built.

Let's make Hispanic Heritage week the beginning of a renewed effort to know our fellow citizens, their backgrounds, and cultures and to treat each other fairly and with equality. By doing this we can work together, as equal partners, to build a better tomorrow for all Americans.

La Semana de Herencia Hispana, 10-16 de Septiembre, nos provee una oportunidad para darnos cuenta de las muchas contribuciones que los americanos de habla espanol han producido para nuestra nacion.

Aunque frequentemente olvidadas, estas contribuciones a nuestra cultura y nuestra vida son significantes. Sin la influencia hispana, nuestro pais perderia una parte importante de su identidad como nation.

A pesar de estas contribuciones, Hispanos frequentemente han sido victimas del prejuicio y discernimiento. Sus derechos a "vida, libertad y el perseguimiento de felicidad" han sido negados muchas veces a causa de su herencia cultural. Tantas veces nos olvidamos que otra gente de culturas diferentes son seres humanos tambien. Nos olvidamos de que ellos tienen derechos basicos de dignidad y amor proprio.

Nuestros ancestros lo proclamaron asi: "Todos humanos han sido creados iguales y tienen ciertos derechos inalienables gracias a Dios." Negando nuestros hermanos hispanos los derechos que son autorizados como humanos y Americanos es un insulto a los principios bajo que esta nacion fue fundada.

Vamos a aprovecharnos de esta semana! Puede ser el principio de un esfuerzo renovado para conocer nuestros hermanos, sus culturas y su herencia. Tambien vamos hacer esfuerzo a tratar toda gente igualmente y rectamente. Haciendo este esfuerzo podemos trabajar juntos, como asociados iguales, para construir un mejor mundo para todos Americanos.

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Early ETS dates for Christmas

Officers and enlisted soldiers scheduled for separation from active duty December 12, 1979, through January 6, 1980, will be eligible for "early outs," according to Capt. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

"The personnel actions branch will identify and automatically cut orders according to the date the individual is supposed to be separated from the service," explained Babylon.

Unless a soldier chooses to keep the original separation date, the following schedule will be followed:

Current ETS Date	Target ETS Date
Dec. 12-26, 1979	Dec. 11, 1979
Dec. 27, 1979	Dec. 12, 1979
Dec. 28, 1979	Dec. 13, 1979
Dec. 29, 1979	Dec. 14, 1979
Dec. 30, 1979-Jan. 1, 1980	Dec. 17, 1979
Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 18, 1979
Jan. 4, 1980	Dec. 19, 1979
Jan. 5-6, 1980	Dec. 20, 1979

Officers eligible for early release under this policy may be kept on active duty until their normal release date if necessary for unit operations.

The following are not eligible for early outs:

Reserve component soldiers on active duty for training.

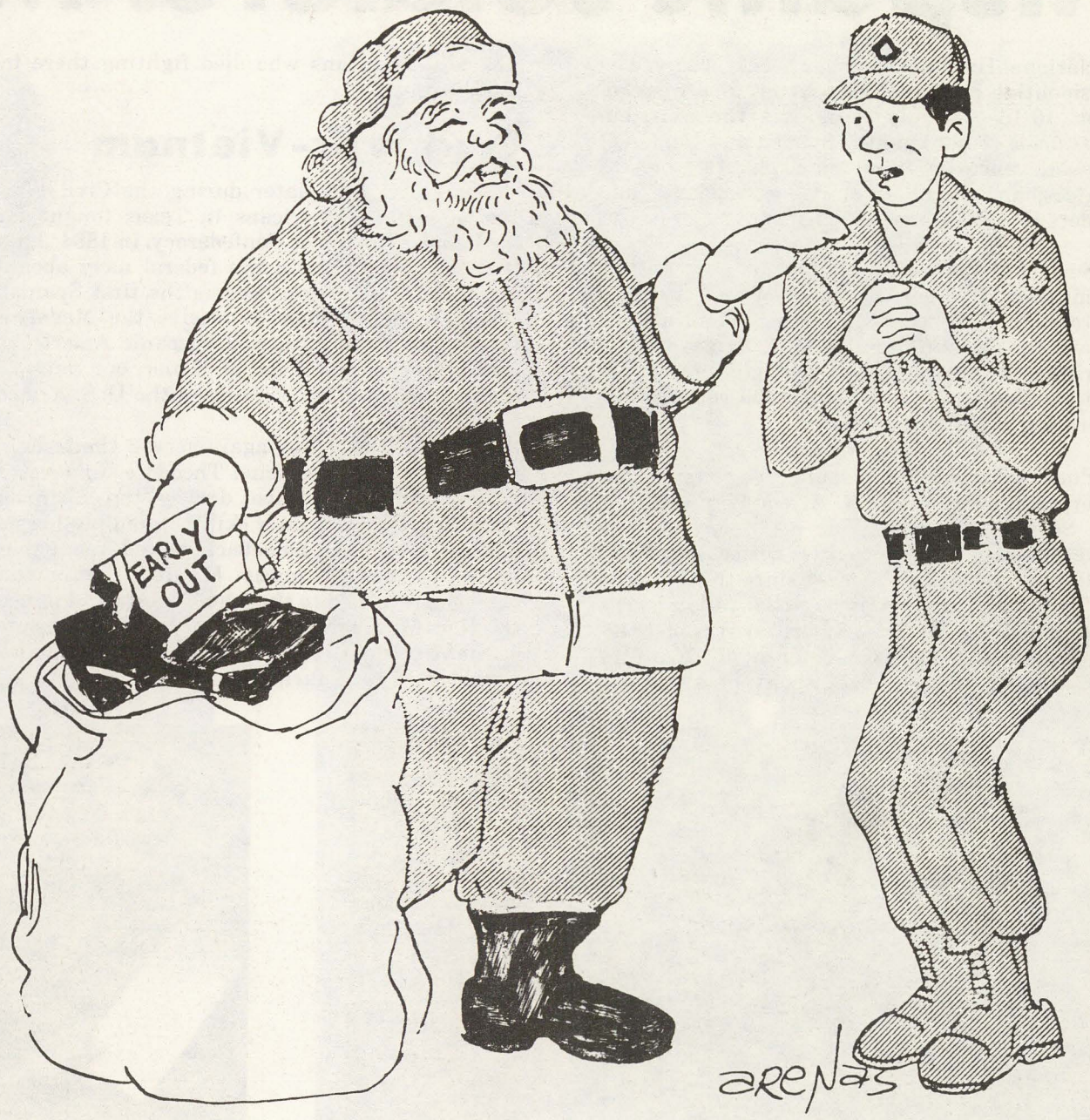
Soldiers scheduled for retirement.

Officers who have DA approved release or resignation dates or those who are being involuntarily separated.

Any personnel subject to "flagging" action.

Soldiers with approved terminal leave will have their leave date adjusted to reflect the new separation date. Babylon advises those planning to take more than 30 days terminal leave to contact their PSNCO at least 90 days in advance.

"If a problem arises with an individuals orders," says Babylon, "the soldier should contact his unit perosnnel sergeant to get the matter taken care of. Soldiers should receive their orders about 60 days prior to their ETS."



GI Bill

Your bennies

Did you serve on active duty between January 31, 1955 and January 1, 1977? If so you may be eligible for GI Bill educational benefits. To be entitled to this assistance you must have served 180 continuous days that crosse dthe 1955-1977 time frame.

The following educational institutions are open to eligible veterans and soldiers currently on active duty under the GI bill:

Cooperative—combines formalized education within business or industrial establishment;

Correspondence—allows students to work at home at their own pace;

Farm Cooperative—eligible veterans enrolled in institutional agricultural courses must be concurrently engaged in full-time agricultural employment related to their course of study;

Apprenticeship/OJT—eligible veterans may pursue, on a full-time basis only, an approved program of apprenticeship or other on-the-job training.

Flight training—veterans may take an approved course of flight training generally accepted as essential to attaining recognized aviation vocation or where it is necessary to the pursuit of some other vocation.

In addition to these programs, assistance can be received while attending: public or private elementary, high school, business school, junior or teachers college, normal school, college or university, professional, scientific, or technical institutions or other institutions that furnish education at the secondary school level or above. The amount of the entitlement depends on length of active duty service and marital status.

For more information call the San Francisco office of the Veterans Administration at 495-8900. (ARNEWS)

Soldiers' Labor Day to help disabled kids

Soldiers from the Presidio spent their Labor Dav weekend laboring for the benefit of cippled children. SSgt Fred Kaseman, SP4s Debbie Miller and Terry Delano, of USAG, and Pvt. 2 Terry Clabaugh, WRRC, volunteered over 16 hours last weekend to help raise money for the 14th Annual Jerry Lewis Telethon.

The four answered telephones and took pledges from people from all over the Bay area.

"We didn't have anything planned for the weekend so we sent in our application to help," Kaseman said, adding, "it just seemed like a good thing to do."

"We were only going to stay for the first six hours but we were so involved that we decided to stay for the whole thing," remarked Kaseman.

VOLUNTEERS... Sp4 Debbie Miller (front), Sp4 Terry Delano, Pvt 2 Terry Clabaugh and SSgt Fred Kaseman volunteered their time to support the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Hispanic soldiers: More than 200 years of service

National Hispanic Heritage Week, observed by presidential proclamation during the week of Sept. 10-16, formally recognizes the contributions made to our country by men and women of Hispanic ancestry—first as explorers, then as settlers, and today as active participants and leaders in all segments of society.

Such contributions, both military and civilian, stem from the earliest days of our nation's history. In fact, today's Puerto Rican National Guard, the oldest unit in the U. S. Armed Forces, can trace its beginnings to the fight against Sir Francis Drake in 1595, nearly 200 years before there was a United States.

Puerto Ricans first served as scouts and interpreters with the U. S. Armed Forces during the Spanish-American War of 1898, and they have served in many capacities with courage and distinction in every U. S. war since then.

"Remember the Alamo," the rallying cry throughout the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848, recalls the heroic defense of that San Antonio, Tex., mission-fort by both the Anglo and Mexican-Americans who died fighting there in 1836.

Civil War-Vietnam

Nearly 30 years later during the Civil War, many Mexican-Americans in Texas fought for the Union against the Confederacy. In 1864, John Ortega, who served in the federal navy aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, became the first Spanish surnamed serviceman to receive the Medal of Honor. Since that time, 30 Hispanic Americans have received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award, while serving in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Mexican-Americans again served their country as members of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish-American War and their skill in handling horses and rifles while on horseback proved invaluable. After that war, many Mexican-American veterans returned to their home state and joined the New Mexico National Guard which was subsequently mobilized under General John J. Pershing in 1916 during his Punitive Expedition against Mexican bandits conducting raids along the U. S. border.

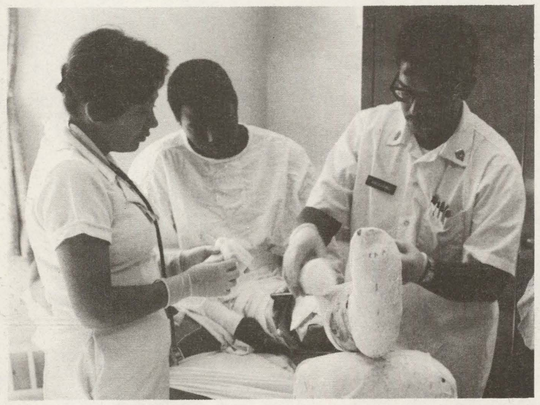
Hispanic-Americans served with distinction during both world wars. In WW II, Spanish-speaking soldiers served valiantly in Sicily as a part of the 45th Division; others fought in the Philippines where many of them were killed or wounded in the Bataan campaign.

The courageous service of Hispanic-Americans during the Korean War is exemplified by PFC Joseph Rodriguez who, with his unit, attacked and neutralized four enemy positions while under heavy fire.

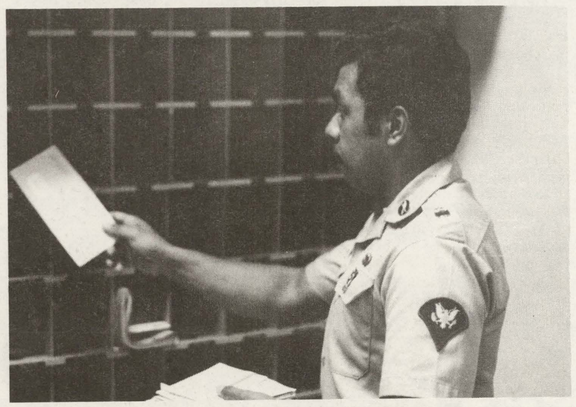
Hispanic Americans also saw extensive combat service during the Vietnam War and were highly decorated for their performance.

Today, more than 66,000 Hispanic-American servicemen and women contribute to the nation's defense.

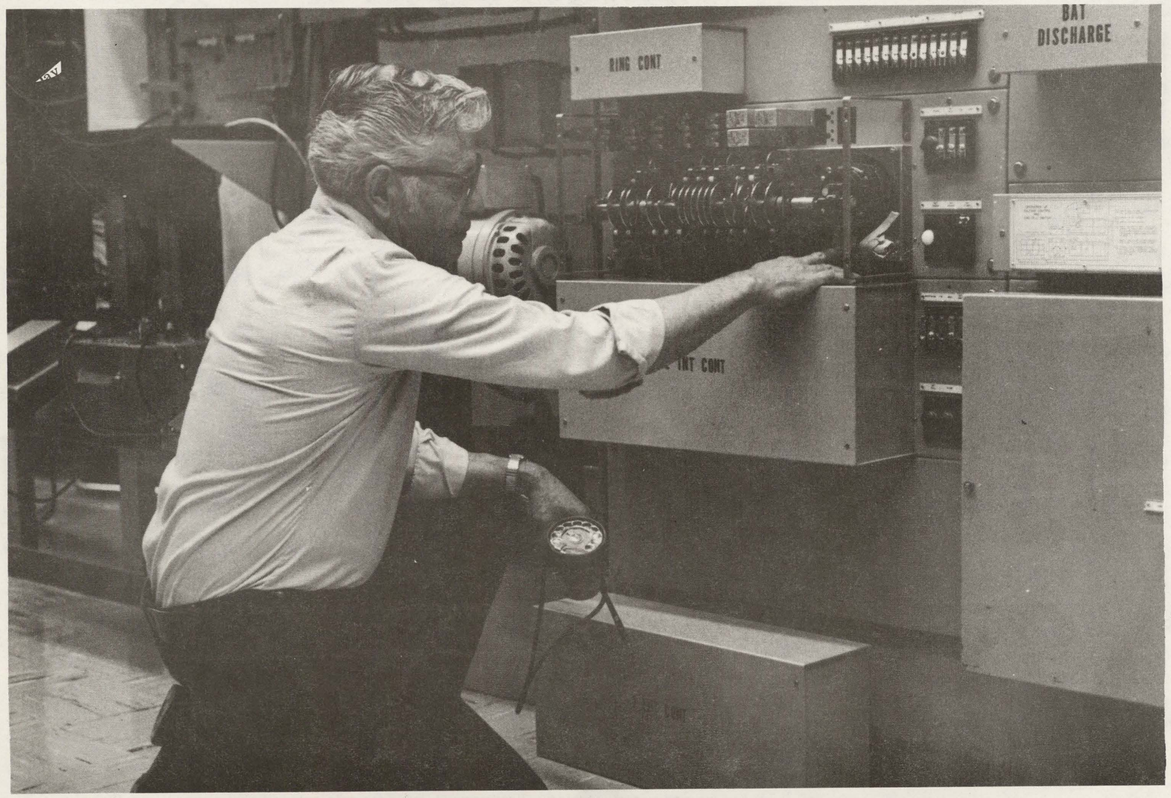
As President Jimmy Carter said, "Hispanic Americans. . . share with our nation a deep pride and a sense of justice and compassion nurtures our democratic system and keeps it progressing. . ."



FRACTURE. . .Pvt 2 Angela Castillo, Sp6 Frank Anquiano, LAMC.



MAIL. . .Sp4 Ricardo Heredia is a Mail Clerk with USAG.



MECHANIC. . . Mr. Augustine Lopez, USACC, telephone mechanic, checks a telephone interuptor.

LOGISTICS. . . Sp4 Henry Orozco, LAMC Logistics Division.

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Don Terry

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MAINTENANCE. . . Mr. Armando Ojeda, Facilities Engineers.

PSF events

Sept. 9		1:30-2:30 p.m.	Pinata Party 3rd Floor LAMC
12:00-3:00 p.m.	Low-Riders Exhibit LAMC Parking Lot	4:15-5:30 p.m.	Hispanic Food HQ Co. USAG and 504th Dining Facilities
Sept. 10			
11:00-1:30 p.m.	6th Army Band LAMC Dining Facility	**Sept. 14**	
11:30-12:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker Torney Hall	11:00-2:00 p.m.	Carnival Day Main Parade Ground
Sept. 11		11:30 a.m.	Film-Mexican-American Speaks Torney Hall
10:00-1:00 p.m.	Tour Mexican Museum and Lunch	7:30 p.m.	Hispanic Band NCO Club
11:00-11:54 a.m.	Film "Voice of La Raza" Torney Hall	**Sept. 15**	
Sept. 12		09:00 a.m.	Rec. Center Tour to Monterey Missions PSF Bus Depot
10:30-11:30 a.m. 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Fashion Show Torney Hall	**Sept. 16**	
5:00-10:00 p.m.	Hispanic Buffet NCO Club	11:00 a.m.	Mission District Street Fair Depart PSF Bus Depot
5:00-10:00 p.m.	Hispanic Food and Music Officers Club		
Sept. 13			
11:00-1:00 p.m.	6th Army Band Torney Hall		

Smith, feeds the body and soul

by Don Terry

SFC John L. Smith not only feeds the body but also the soul.

Smith, a food service supervisor at the USAG dining facility, is also an ordained minister.

"I started training for the ministry in 1975," said Smith, "and I studied Theology at the Anchorage Theologian Bible College."

In 1977 Smith was first licensed to preach the gospel. "I spent a lot of my time studying the bible and teaching the adult Sunday School and bible study classes." He was ordained a minister on May 29 of this year."

"I would like to see the Army let enlisted ordained ministers wear their title," said Smith who would also like to see it entered in his 201 file.

Smith is an associate minister at the Little Zion Baptist Church and spends a lot of his spare time speaking at churches in the Bay area. "An enlisted minister has to seek off-post churches to work in," commented Smith, "because there is no field he can work in effectively on-post." Smith also feels that "whenever the opportunity is available, enlisted ministers should be used in on-post chapels."

"The Army should also allow ordained ministers to work as chaplain assistants," said Smith, "then the ordained minister could make hospital visits as a minister and not just another soldier."

Smith's military career began in 1961 when he was drafted into the Army in Montgomery, Alabama.

After completing basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia Smith spent four years in the infan-vice School and the Food Service Supevisors School. Since then Smith has acquired 296 credit hours of MOS related training.
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Besides being stationed here at the Presidio, Smith has served at Fort Carson; Germany; Fort Lewis; Fort Benning, Vietnam; Fort Knox, and in Alaska.

While in Vietnam, Smith received the Bronze Star with an Oakleaf Cluster. He has also received the Army Commendation Medal and five awards of the Good Conduct Medal.

MINISTER... SFC John L. Smith, USAG Dining Facility Supervisor, is an ordained Minister.

Yacht Club: You don't need a boat or lots of money to be a member of this group

There's a yacht club in the Bay Area where you don't have to be rich or even own a boat to be a member. Located in one of the area's most beautiful spots, Horseshoe Cove, the Presidio Yacht Club is open to all PSF soldiers and Department of the Army civilians who work on post.

According to Colonel John Caulfield, the club's president, the club was organized shortly after World War II in buildings used to house the tug boats and submarine nets used during the war.

"A handful of people got together, donated some money and started with only one sailboat," explained a long time club member.

The charter members were apparently a "gung-ho" and persuasive group as the club rapidly grew to fifty members. Working together, they soon converted the old Ft. Baker buildings into a fine clubhouse complete with snack bars and maintenance facilities.

Besides providing berthing spaces and maintenance facilities, the club holds races and cruises for sailing and power boats. Each month there are special dinners prepared by the club members. For those who have never been sailing, lessons are offered for those who want to skim the water powered by the wind.

"We hold all types of activities centered around boating," states Caulfield. "We offer tours occasionally to other yacht clubs in the area."

"The club's members are of all ranks," says Caulfield. "The individual's rank is of no importance at our activities. We are all here to enjoy boating."

Members of the club, not only enjoy the lowest berthing fees in the Bay area ($12-$15 per month) but membership entitles them to the use of the facilities of many other yacht clubs around the world.

Dues for the club are $5 per month and persons interested in joining the club should stop by the clubhouse any Saturday or Sunday.

Remember, you don't need a boat to be a member of the Presidio Yacht Club.

BOATING... Members of the Presidio Yacht Club dock their boats at Fort Baker. (Photo by Don Terry)

Give your name and serial number

Veterans Administration (VA) officials say there are enough veterans named Johnson to populate Johnson City, Tenn., about seven times over. And enough williams to make a city four times the size of Williamsport, PA.

There are more than 34 million names of former servicemen and women in the VA files. With so many Johnsons and Williamses, it's understandable that VA has problems when ex-GIs write in with questions but neglect to include their serial or claim numbers.

It is possible for a veteran's file to be located without these numbers, but including them makes it simpler and provides a much quicker answer to the G.I. according to VA officials.

For example, in addition to the more than 200,000 Johnsons and the 150,000 Williamses, VA computers have about 55,000 Youngs, almost that many Robertsons, some 46,000 Hills, more than 38,000 Stewarts, 30,000 McDonalds, 28,000 Howards, 24,000 Wagners and approximately 23,000 Schmidts.

Also, there are more than 11,000 John Smiths with middle names or initials, but about 1,200 others without them.

Additional names are added to VA's roster daily, so it's not difficult to understand why the agency needs as much information about a veteran as possible to dispatch benefits claims.

So, if you're a veteran and have a question for VA, be sure to provide your serial or claim number. Problems will be solved in a much smoother and timely manner. (ARNEWS)

Off Post: A look at Bay area events

by Mariette Fillman

Dodge the seagulls overhead and the roller skaters underfoot and enjoy this weekend OFF POST! in the City's parks.

SATURDAY

Hear the **Giles Brothers Band** perform in concert from noon until 1:30 p.m. in Union Square, Geary and Powell Streets.

Scan the skies **"In Search of Ancient Astronomers"** at the Morrison Planetarium in the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park. Weekend showtimes are 12:30, 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. General admission to the Academy (does not include the Planetarium) is $1 for adults, 50¢ for students 12-17, 25¢ for children 6-12; children under 6 are admitted free. Planetarium tickets are $1.50 for adults, 50¢ for those under 17. For more information, dial 752-8268.

For something out of the ordinary, try the **Rocky Hieroglyphic Show** in Golden Gate Park. You'll find it in the sunken meadow on Kennedy Drive behind the de Young Museum from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Explore the western end of **Golden Gate Park** in a free **walking tour** at 2:00 p.m. Meet at the Angler's Lodge parking lot opposite the buffalo paddock near 36th Avenue.

Ticket sales

The Recreation Center has tickets to the following events:

San Francisco Giants vs Cincinnati Reds on Sept. 17, tickets are $5;

Army vs Stanford at Stanford on Sept. 22;

San Francisco 49ers vs the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 23

To the following San Francisco 49ers games:

Sept. 23 vs the **New Orleans Saints**
Oct. 21 vs the **Atlanta Falcons**
Oct. 28 vs the **Chicago Bears**
Nov. 18 vs the **Denver Broncos**
Nov. 25 vs the **Los Angeles Rams;**

Great America Discount Tickets are still available but the park closes October 14 for the season.

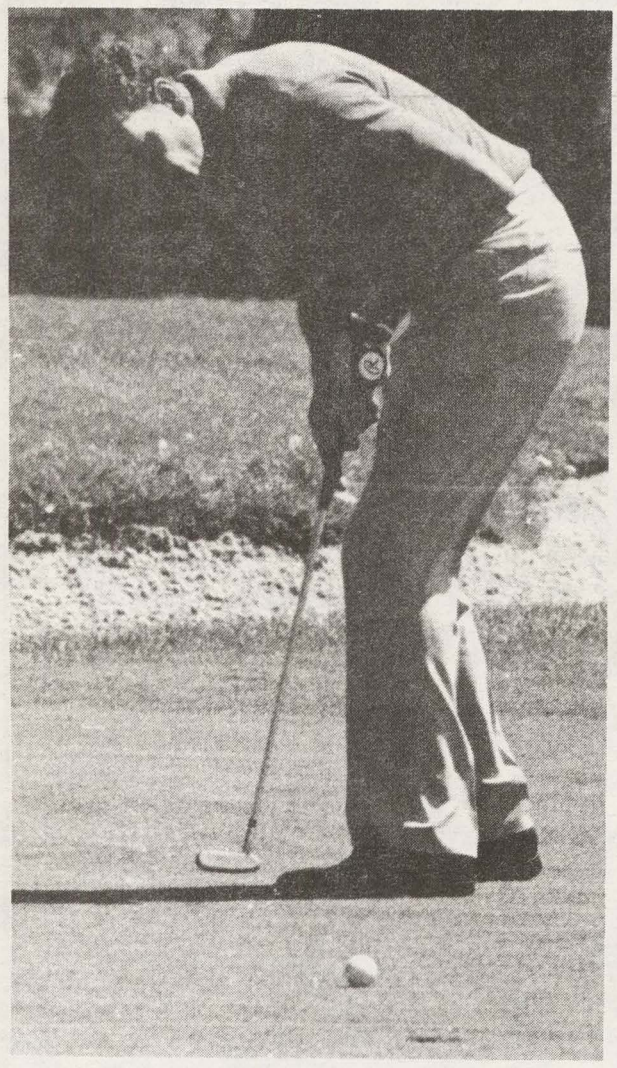
Discount coupons to the **Renaissance Pleasure Faire** which runs through Sept. 23 are still available. The faire is held in the Black Point Forest near Novato.

A tour to the **Hearst Castle** is planned for Sept. 30. The bus will depart the Recreation Center at 8:30. The cost of $6 includes free transportation.

For more information about the tickets or Recreation Center Activities, call the center after 4:00 p.m. at 561-2000 or stop by the Log Cabin, building 1299.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

by Bob Gascon



PUTTING... Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester, Commanding General, 6th United States Army is putting during the Seventh Annual Commanding Generals Golf Tournament held on August 31, 1979 (Photo by John Green)

Golf tourney

Dick Blake and Jim Garnett captured the CG's trophy during the Seventh Annual Sixth Army CG's Golf Tournament held August 31 at the Presidio Golf Course.

Joe Jezukewicz and H. Valbueno took the low gross team honors while Paul Adams took the low net individual title and Lon Peterson had the low gross individual score.

More than 90 golfers took part in the tourney hosted by Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester, CG Sixth Army. The event used the best ball format per two man team.

Mr. Ben Swig presented a variety of awards to the winners.

Soccer

In a battle of the undefeated, the 51st Engrs led by Carl Palmer and Richardo Pacheco, overpowered the 504th MP Battalion, 6 goals to 3. Placed by the fleet footed Palmer, who scored four goals and the proficient ball passing of Pacheco, who scored two goals. The 51st Engrs have established themselves as the team to beat in the Presidio Soccer Program.

Westner Nan scored two goals for the Military Policemen in a losing cause.

LAIR trounced the "SHAMROCK" 5 to 2, as Roko Smiljanic led his team to victory.

504th MP's triumphed over the "SHAMROCKS" 4 to 2 as Bob Hunt and Westner Nan scored two goals apiece for the Military Policemen. H. T. Linke, 6th Army kicked two goals for the losing "SHAMROCKS."

Youth bowling

Sign-ups for the Dependent Youth Winter Bowling League will be held Sept. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Presidio Bowling Center. For more information contact Mrs. Mitzi Hada, at 665-4970 after 7:00 p.m.

Flag football

The practice games are over and play has begun for all the marbles in the Presidio Intramural Flag Football League.

Eleven teams representing units throughout the post will clash with each other in a single round robin. At the completion of the round robin the top six teams will battle in a double elimination tournament for the Post Flag Football Championship.

Defending champions, LAMC No. 1, coached by John Bell, will rely on his ace quarterback "Speedy Randolph," and super pass receiver Dwayne Gibson to carry them into the championship play-offs.

USAG, a team that finished behind LAMC in the regular league competition and again in the play-offs could act as the spoilers. USAG, led by quarterback Frank Jones, and a bunch of speedy receivers and backs have been impressive in practice.

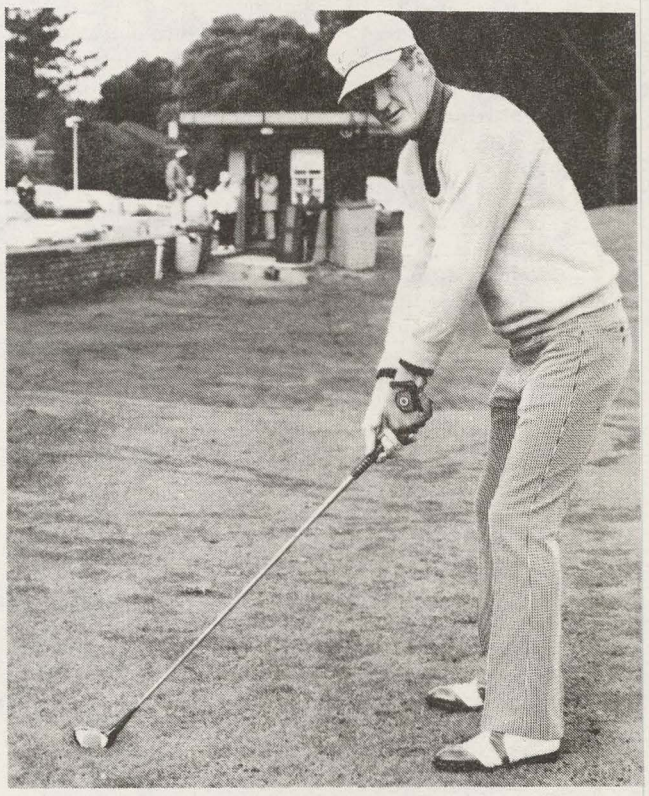
Newcomers to the league include the Post Exchange, coached by Les Pukus and the 666th Radar Squadron from Mill Valley.

Game Schedule

Sept. 10			
Corp of Engrs	vs	504th MP Bn	6:00 p.m.
Post Exchange	vs	LAMC No. 2	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12			
LAIR	vs	USAG No. 2	6:00 p.m.
666th RADAR	vs	LAMC No. 1	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14			
Hq 6th Army	vs	USAG No. 1	6:00 p.m.
LAMC No. 1	vs	LAIR	7:30 p.m.

All games will be played on the PX Field, located adjacent to the Post Library.

Golf Champion



CHAMPION...Firing rounds of 73-71-73-72, Presidio's Jimmy Stinebaugh, USAG, captured the Senior Interservice Golf Championship by 11 strokes and helped lead the Army team to the overall championship by 51 shots, at Camp Pendelton, San Diego. (Photo by Noli Manus)

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

Baker tunnel closed

The tunnel between Fort Baker and Fort Berry will be closed on Sept. 11, 12, and 13 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The facilities engineers, utilities division, will be replacing the florescent lighting in the tunnel. They will also be repairing the plumbing that runs through the tunnel and painting white lines.

Questions wanted

The Public Affairs Office is looking for people who would like to ask a question of the Secretary of the Army, or the Army Chief of Staff, or the Sergeant Major of the Army.

Questions asked by concerned Presidians will be videotaped and forwarded for response from the Army's senior leadership. The progam is being conducted at various installations throughout CONUS and queries are currently being gathered.

Questions will be answered through a videotape reply. The number of responses will depend on similarity of questions, volume, program length and editing.

If you have a question about Army-wide policies that you would like to ask, contact the Public Affairs Office at 561-3908.

Playhouse tryouts

Tryouts for "VERONICA'S ROOM," the opening production of the Presidio Playhouse's 13th season, will be held Sept. 11 and 12, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The play is an adult fingernail chewing thriller-chiller, by Ira Levin, author of "Rosemary's Baby" and "Deathtrap."

"Veronica's Room" calls for a cast of one girl, early twenties; one man, mid-late twenties; one woman, 40-60 year range; and one man, 40-60 year range. Tryouts are open to anyone interested. Appointments for an auditon on one of the above dates can be made by calling the Playhouse, 561-3992, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. during the week.

Technical help is also needed in all phases of theatrical production—scenery, lighting, costuming, properties, etc. Those interested in backstage positions should also contact the Playhouse. Rehearsals and technical preparations are conducted after normal duty hours on evenings and weekends. Past theatrical experience is not equired.

The Presidio Players' production will open a four weekend run at the playhouse on October 26, just in time for a Halloween treat—or scare, as the case may be.

Red Cross volunteers

The American Red Cross on post is looking for volunteers to fill positions doing casework, conducting evening recreation clinics and ward visits.

Interested persons should stop by Room No. 353 in the Letterman Army Medical Center or call 561-2187 to volunteer for more information.

Jobs available

The Presidio of San Francisco Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) is currently recruiting for Clerk Typists and Clerk Stenos. If you are interested in a secure position with good benefits, a job with Civil Service may be just what you're looking for. The Civilian Personnel Office has a special authority which speeds up the results of your test score. If you have clerical and/or steno abilities and are looking for work, or want to change jobs, please come by the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 37, for an application and a copy of the special authority. We'll tell you everything you need to know to take your first step towards working for the federal government.

Wives' Club Coffee

The Presidio and Letterman Officers' Wives' Clubs will co-sponsor a Fall Activities Coffee, September 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the PSF Officers' Club. During the gathering, members may sign up for a wide variety of classes and activities. In addition, representatives from different service organizations and clubs on post will be on hand to provide information to interested persons. There's no charge for the coffee and reservations are not necessary.

Blue Cross rep

Bernice Morgan, a Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative, will be available Sept. 28, to assist Presidio workers covered by the agency with any claim problems. Persons seeking assistance should call Mary Stump at 561-5758 for an appointment. Please bring all paperwork pertaining to your claim with you at the time of your appointment.

Soldier of the Month

Nominations for the Presidio Soldier of the Month will be accepted through Sept. 20. Nominations must be submitted in writing to DPCA, Attn: AFZM-PA-A, by units under the command of the Commanding Officer of the Presidio of San Francisco or commanders of tenant units. This is the first time this board will be held.

THE FLYING WHITE HOUSE

ONLY SINCE ROOSEVELT'S DAY . . .

From Roosevelt's C-54, "Sacred Cow" aircraft (below) to the VC-137C jet (above) flown by Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter, the "Oval Office of the Air" plays an important role in the transaction of American policy.

The commander-in-chief's aircraft has been referred to as the flying White House, the oval office in the air, The Spirit of '76, Air Force One, and many other names. But whatever it is called, the U.S. Air Force plane on which the President of the United States of America travels is a most important piece of hardware.

President Carter's official plane is Number 27000—or Air Force One, when he is flying in it. In fact, any Air Force plane flying the President of the United States is referred to as Air Force One. When he flies on a Marine helicopter, it is called Marine Corps One or when he's aboard an Army or Navy aircraft, it's Army One or Navy One, respectively.

As the aircraft industry has advanced through the years, so has the equipment used by the presidential flying unit located at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. There is a vast difference, for example, between the C-54 "Sacred Cow," the first official presidential aircraft which flew President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the Boeing 707 jetliner (Air Force VC-137) on which President Carter flies.

Roosevelt's aircraft had a very simple communications system which allowed him to talk from his seat in the aircraft to the aircraft commander in the cockpit. The complex communications system used on the present Air Force One, with its computerized-secure telephone, can link the president with any telephone in the world. It can even scramble the message in transmission and deliver it unscrambled on the other end.

President Harry Truman flew in a specialized DC-6. While the news media dubbed Roosevelt's plane the "Sacred Cow," Truman named his plane himself. He called it "Independence" after his hometown in Missouri.

When Gen. Dwight Eisenhower became president, he chose the C-121 type aircraft that he had used in Europe. While president, he flew in the "Columbine II" and "Columbine III"—the first was a C-121 Constellation and the second was a VC-121 Super Constellation. The name "Columbine" was picked because it is the designated flower of his wife Mamie's home state of Colorado. Eisenhower was the first president to have a jet aircraft at his disposal, since during his administration the Air Force purchased the first Boeing 707s.

When John Kennedy became the chief executive, he chose to fly on a VC-118 aircraft unless he took a long trip, when he flew one of the jets. Unlike his predecessor's aircraft, Kennedy's plane had no specific nickname. Later Kennedy flew aboard a Boeing 707—aircraft Number 26000—which is considered the most famous Air Force aircraft. President Kennedy was the first president to use that plane and it was the aircraft that brought his body back to Washington, D.C., following his assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

It was on Number 26000 that Lyndon Johnson took the oath of office to become the nation's 36th president while the aircraft was still on the ground at Love Field in Dallas after the assassination. Later, the same airplane flew President Johnson's body back to Texas on Jan. 24, 1973, following his state funeral in the nation's capital.

Richard Nixon was the last president to use Number 26000 as the official presidential aircraft. He flew extensively during his first term in office, and it was during Nixon's American bicentennial presidency that the plane was nicknamed "The Spirit of '76."

Aircraft number 27000, the current presidential plane, was first used by President Nixon on Feb. 8, 1973. Later, President Gerald Ford flew Number 27000—which does not yet have a nickname—on his seven-day state visit to the Far East and also to the Soviet Union for the signing of the Vladivostok Accords. President Carter recently flew Number 27000 for his trip to Vienna for the signing of SALT II.

Although official presidential aircraft are relatively recent on the American political scene, they are significantly linked with the making of American history. By whatever name or number it is called, when the commander-in-chief's aircraft takes to the air, it is not carrying just an important individual but the institution of the U.S. Presidency.

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Canal treaty means change for soldiers who call it home

The Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 will have several effects on Presidio soldiers who claim the Panama Canal Zone as their home of record (HOR) or legal residence according to a Department of the Army announcement last week.

"The Panama Canal Zone will become a part of the Republic of Panama when the treaty goes into effect on Oct. 1," states SSgt. Wayne Solomon of the Records Section of COMPACT. "At that time those soldiers who claim the canal zone as their home of record or legal residence, and who have not changed it to another location will have the HOR and legal residence in the Republic of Panama.

"Soldiers who have their HOR or legal residence listed as the canal zone, must come to COMPACT so that they can be made aware of certain entitlements and tax matters that will be effected by the treaty," explained Solomon.

Those affected will also be advised of the conditions under which they may change their HOR to a CONUS location as outlined in the Joint Travel Regulation. Those soldiers who desire to change their legal residence will be sent to the Staff Judge Advocate for advice and assistance.

"Soldiers who are considering changing their HOR should think it over carefully," advised Solonon, "because they may incur financial hardship if they later decide to live in the Republic of Panama.

Solomon added that as of Oct. 1, soldiers whose legal residence is in the ROP will not be entitled to foreign duty pay while serving in Panama.

Soldiers whose legal residence or HOR is the canal zone, should contact Solomon as soon as possible to avoid being caught by the treaty.

MPs looking for a few good soldiers

Soldiers at the Presidio can now become military policemen and still remain here under a special reenlistment program.

"This program," states SFC John Hayes, post reenlistment NCO, "allows qualified Presidio soldiers to OJT as MPs and at the same time reenlist for a one-year stabilized tour here."

"Soldiers close to their reenlistment date and who want to participate should start the process for getting accepted into the program by contacting their unit reenlistment NCO or myself," added Hayes.

To participate in the program, soldiers must meet the requirements for becoming an MP and must appear before a board at the 504th MP Battalion. Once accepted, the soldier then reenlists and is transferred to one of the military police units on post.

"Soldiers who participate in the program," explained Hayes, "will be reenlisting for the present duty assignment option. But for those who are eligible for a selective reenlistment bonus, I don't recommend they get into this program. Those who are entitled only to a regular reenlistment bonus or no bonus at all should consider this option if they are interested in becoming military policemen."

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Raiderettes help out

A light fog cover forced the cancellation of a scheduled parachute jump, but the 1979 Presidio Combined Federal Campaign was officially "kicked off" during ceremonies on the Main Presidio Parade Field, Thursday, September 13.

Some 200 military and civilian personnel of the Presidio turned out to hear the Sixth Army Band and to see several Oakland Raiderettes who were appearing as guests of the US Army Recruiting Command.

Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester, commanding general, Sixth Army, Brig. Gen. Floyd Baker, commanding general, Letterman Army Medical Center, and Col. F. Whitney Hall, commander, Presidio, all spoke of the good works that result from the contributions of the thousands of Bay Area federal employees.

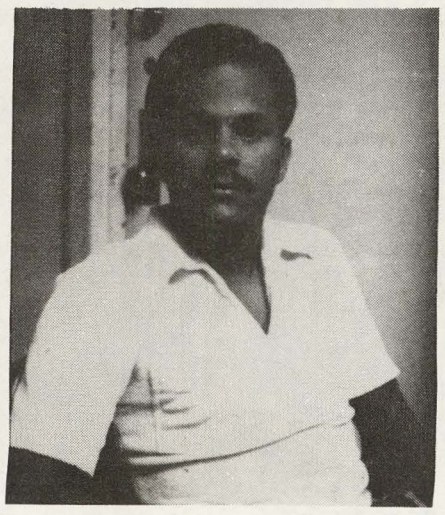
The Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled to run through November 1979. The Presidio community will join with the remaining federal community in the five Bay Area counties with the goal of raising some $1.3 million which will benefit 221 agencies of the United Way of the Bay Area, the International Service Agencies and the National Health Agencies. The dollars raised by CFC stay in the community caring for those in need as well as providing needed funding for activities that benefit all citizens such as YMCAs, Scouts, health care facilities and much more.

HELPING HAND... Sixth Army CSM Lorenzo Rivera-Cruz and LTC Russell E. Park, coordinator for the Combined Federal Campaign, gives a helping hand to Raiderette Diane Coombs.

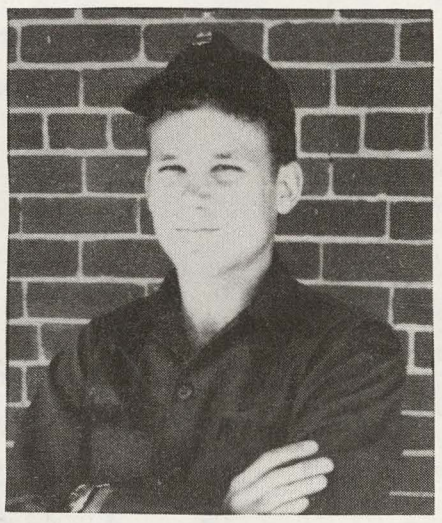
Ramblin' Sam

Are you satisfied with your job?

SP5 Harold Moore, Compact---"Yes, I like working with personnel records and I like the people I work with."

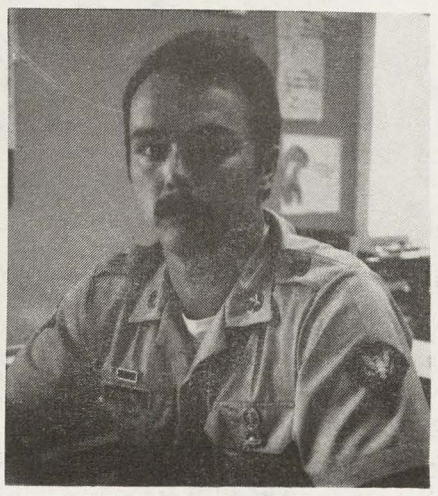


Sgt. Harold Simpson, Assistant NCOIC, Welcome Center---"Yes, the job is challenging, I am in constant contact with new people and continually learning more each day besides having the best clerks and supervisors to work with."



PFC Bill Myers, Adjutant General's Office---"Yes and no, there are some things about the job that are really boring and I don't like, however, the working environment is great and I like the people I work for. I'm also able to go to school."

SP4 Frederick J. Lewis, Parachute Maintainance--- "Yes and no. Yes, because the job is rewarding and is a challenge and it has taught me that it takes time to be the best and I feel that I am becoming the best. No, because I haven't been able to use all the training that I have received."



SP4 James Wedmore, 163rd MP Co.---"Yes, as far as my job is concerned, however, my major complaint is about the indorsing of my EER. The indorser very seldom comes in contact with us, yet he rates us lower than the rater who tells us we are doing a great job. This creates dissatisfaction with the job."

Alexander

Rebuild the Army in '79

by Kevin Starr
San Francisco Examiner

No one would have predicted it in the immediate aftermath of Vietnam, but the Army is rebuilding itself as an institution. Much of the credit must go to Army Secretary Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.

In his mid-40's, Clifford Alexander stands tall and speaks with the clarity and directness he has insisted become part of the Army's new mode of communication. An honor graduate of Harvard where he returned to serve on the Board of Overseers and Yale Law School, Alexander hates jargon or double talk of any sort.

He wants the Army to treat women as soldiers and individuals—and with total respect. He wants the living conditions of enlisted men at home and abroad improved. He wants the Army to make available to each soldier as much education as he or she can absorb.

Alexander exudes the character of a man accustomed to the corridors of power. Since his mid-20's, after all, he has been reporting directly to the President of the United States. After graduation from Harvard, he served as President Kennedy's foreign affairs officer for the National Security Council. Alexander served ina special assistant and special counsel position for Presiden Johnson from 1964 through 1967, and in 1968 headed the U. S. delegation to the Kingdom of Swaziland's independence ceremonies. Alexander has both the flawless accent and perfect tailoring of an east side Manhattan.

There is another side to the man, however. After Yale, Alexander served as an Army private. Today as Secretary of the Army, he has made a special point of maintaining direct contact with enlisted men and women. He'll drop in for chow in a mess hall, or enter a barracks and start an impromptu discussion group. In superb physical condition, the Secretary runs obstacle courses, plays basketball with the troops and even participates in some of his soldier's training.

As a civilian, it would be easy for a Secretary of the Army merely to go along with the flow. After all, it's a flattering position. Generals call you "sir." On the other hand, it would be easy to become overly antagonistic—to bully his military subordinates merely to display civilian superiority or to compensate for the time when one stood in the ranks oneself, taking orders. Such is not the case.

Alexander wants the Army as strong as it can be, militarily speaking; but he also wants it to be as modern as possible, sociologically speaking. It's a delicate balance, but a necessary one.

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Don't share it, get a shot

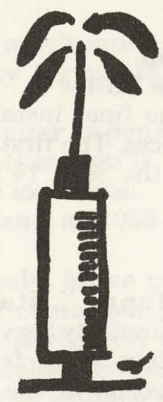
Flu season is right around the corner, and Presidio soldiers should prepare to roll up their sleeves for their annual influenza immunization.

"The annual flu shots will be given to all active duty military personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio on Oct. 11 and 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in building 212 near the post fire station," states Dr. (Lt. Col.) Leslie B. Branch, chief of the Allergy Department at Letterman Army Medical Center.

"Soldiers are required to get the shots," says Branch, "because the Army is attempting to reduce the soldier's chances of getting one of the three strains of flu which may be going around this year."

Dependents and civilians who want to get the flu shots may do so, but the vaccine for their shots is not yet available. Branch hopes to have the vaccine by Oct. 11.

Military personnel may also be given their shots at the Immunization Clinic at any time between 8:00-11:45 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. No matter where the shot is given, soldiers must bring their yellow shot records with them.



Arosteguy comes marching home

by Don Terry

Capt. Robert Arosteguy has come home. The new commander of Headquarters Company, USAG, has returned to the Bay area where he grew up after coming to the United States from France.

Arosteguy, who graduated from Castlemont High School, attended the University of San Francisco from 1969 to 1974. A political science major and an ROTC student, the new company commander graduated with a BA in Liberal Arts and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

"I am excited about taking over command," said Arosteguy, whose family moved from France and settled in the Bay area in 1961. "I have prepared for it and I want to assume the full responsibility," he added.

After completing the Basic Officer Course at Ft. Benning and airborne school at Ft. Bragg, Arosteguy spent three years in Schweinfurt, Germany where he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion of the 30th Infantry with duties including platoon leader, executive officer and assistant S-3.

"I feel that this job is a great opportunity for me to use my potential as an infantry officer," commented Arosteguy, a graduate of the Infantry Officer Advance Course and Ranger School. "It's what an infantry officer looks forward to and I am thankful for this opportunity."

Arosteguy believes that "my responsibility is for the welfare of the soldier and to make sure that their basic needs are met which will help insure that the soldier puts out his best for the Army. I want to make Presidio an enjoyable tour for the soldier as well as a productive one."

Arosteguy, who is married and has two children, enjoys reading, sports, and is an avid runner.

Robert Arosteguy

Get out and get your old job back

Veterans of the All-Volunteer Army are entitled to their old jobs after discharges, states Mr. Vincent Latona of the U. S. Labor Department's Office of Management Services Administration in San Francisco.

"However," he added, "the veteran must apply for his former job within 90 days after discharge and must have served no more than four years continuous service (five if he was extended for the convenience of the government)."

Under most circumstances, veterans who do return to their former jobs are entitled to have their military service counted toward retirement benefits and pension plans.

Veterans who qualify under the Military Selective Service Act and left a permanent position with an employer to enter the Armed Forces, are guaranteed that job after receiving an honorable or general discharge," explained Latona.

The guarantees in the Selective Service Act are provided to minimize disruption of soldier's civilian life because of military service, states Latona. "Unfortunately, some employers have regarded these guarantees as applying only to drafted ex-service members or just don't know about the law.

"In these cases we help the veteran make the employer aware of his responsibilities, however some employers still don't feel they have to comply with the act," Latona commented.

"In these cases we try to work out a compromise, rather than taking the matter to the Justice Department for trial," explained Latona.

The Labor Management Service Administration tries to reconstruct the veteran's career with the employers as it would have been had he not joined the service. The agency's investigators look at what promotions, pay raises, seniority, and other benefits the veteran would have been entitled to.

"In many cases we don't get the veteran everything he is entitled to," explained Latona. "Many former servicemembers realize that they are going to have to work with the employer for a while and that a compromise is the best solution."

If the veteran wants to pursue the matter, then it is turned over to the Justice Department.

Latona advises veterans to file with his office as soon as they are discharged. If problems occur, they should contact the investigators.

"If the veteran waits until the 90 days are up, then the burden of proof is on him and not the employer. Waiting until the deadline passes makes it extremely difficult for us to help him," added Latona.

"The veteran, of course, must be qualified to perform the duties he will be asking for. If he has been disabled, he may be offered another job which is comparable to his former position," said Latona.

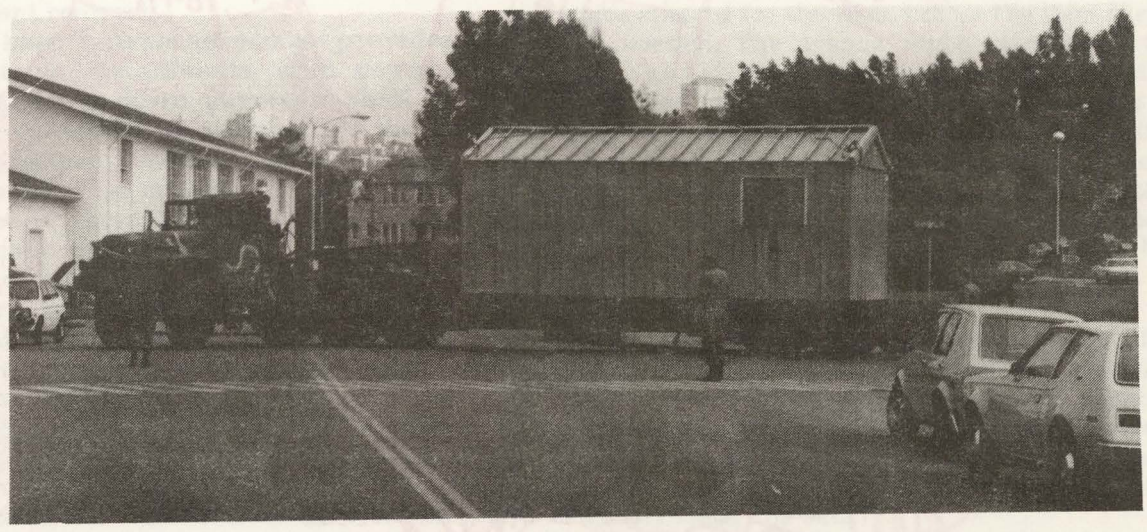
In addition to helping the veteran get his old job back, the Military Selective Service Act also provided protection from firing or lay offs in many cases. But the circumstance determines whether or not the agency can get involved.

More information concerning the reemployment rights program can be obtained from the soldier's hometown branch of the Labor Management Services Administration or by writing to: Deputy Assistant to the Director, Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights, Room N 5414, Second and Constitution Aves., N.W., Washington D.C. 20002.

"The veteran has nothing to lose by exercising his reemployment rights," concluded Latona.

Engineers get moving business

MOBILHOME... "That's a funny looking mobilhome." "The Army sure comes upwith some weird equipment." These are comments that could be heard by observers as they watched the 864th Engineers move this small building from the 1100 area. The structure will be used in the 900 area by vehicle maintainance for steam cleaning.



Financial hot water, easy to get in, hard to get out

Stories by Tom Tiernan
Illustrations by Debbie Miller
Editors note: This is the final installment of a two part series on finances. The first part, "War Declared!" appeared in the Sept. 14 issue of the Star Presidian.

"No money isn't funny," states Diane Newcomb, the Army Community Services Budget Counselor. "Unfortunately some families find themselves in that situation at the end of the month after they've paid their bills."

Becoming a casualty of the war on inflation is easy if you're not careful. Avoiding financial hot water takes careful planning and wise spending, according to Newcomb.

"Many people don't plan on getting into debt, but in some cases, unexpected emergencies, hospitalization of someone outside the immediate family or the loss of a second income all put a strain on a family's financial situation," Newcomb explained.

"However, many people just over extend themselves. They use their credit cards and other forms of credit beyond their ability to pay," she added.

"In many young couples, they think that they have to have all the things their parents have right away. Unless they saved a great deal of money before they got married, it just isn't possible," Newcomb commented.

Advance pay

For many military families, Newcomb points out, the trouble begins as soon as the individual gets orders. "If they are overseas and coming back to the states, they think that they will be receiving government issued furniture like they received in Europe or wherever they were overseas. As soon as they get back to the states, they find out differently. Many run out and charge a lot of things or rent the furniture."

"I don't recommend renting furniture. It's a mistake. In many cases, the furniture is poor merchandise. Most rental agencies have sales on these items and at great savings. It is just better to either buy the items when they are on sale or to save up until you have enough cash to purchase nicer furniture," explained Newcomb.

Another mistake made by many soldiers is taking an advance in pay. "Many soldiers don't realize the problems associated with the advance when the finance office starts taking the money back. They have to live on what's left and for many that's nearly impossible," stated Newcomb.

"I recommend that everyone keep at least $1000 in savings to be used for these moves, or for emergencies. Additionally, soldiers should be planning in advance for any moves they will be making."

Over your head?

There are two ways to determine if you are in debt over your head. The first is the 20 percent method. All the soldier's debts, not including the house payment or rent, but including every other kind of debt should be added up. If the total is more than 20 percent of your take home pay then you're headed for trouble.

The annual payments method takes all the information in the first method, but only on a yearly basis. If the amount is more than you can pay off in a year, watch out. For example, if you are making monthly payments of $100 and owe $1200 then you are OK, but if the total comes to $3,600 then there's trouble if you can't pay $300 a month.

Help

Getting into debt may be easy, but getting out isn't.

A number of programs are available to help people get out of debt.

The Army Community Services' Debt Liquidation Program is open to both soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

According to Newcomb, the program takes the individual's take home pay, subtracts a fair amount for living expenses and divides the remainder among the individual's creditors, provided they agree to participate.

"Every pay day we get together and make out the payments to the creditors. It may take a little longer, but the individual will be avoiding trouble by participating in the program," points out Newcomb.

This same service is available to civilians from Consumer Credit Counselors in the Bay area.

Bankruptcy

If the creditors don't want to participate in the liquidation program, the individual may then file for a chapter 13 bankruptcy, which uses a court order to force the creditor into accepting lower payments over an extended period of time.

Under the law, the individual is allowed three years as a maximum to resolve his problems. Once a petition is filed with the Court, a plan is developed by an officer of the court and presented by the debtor to all of his creditors at a meeting at the court.

The plan must include provisions in it for submitting all future earnings to the supervision and control of the court for the purpose of enforcing the plan. The program is reviewed periodically to judge the progress being made and to readjust the payments to prevent any undue hardship.

"You don't need a lawyer to file for the chapter 13," states Newcomb. You may, however, be asked to pay the fees and administrative cost of the courts.

When all the individual's debts have been met, the debtor is released from the plan. The discharge does not include any debts that the individual may have gotten into during the time the plan was in effect.

Failure to comply with the plan will also mean its discharge and the debtor will be at the mercy of his creditors.

"We can assist the individual with the paperwork for filing the chapter 13," states Newcomb. "We have the packets and papers right here."

Another solution to large debts is taking a second job or for the wife or husband to also get a job. The money from the second income should then be used to zero in on the debts.

"A debt consolidation loan, however, is not a solution. Usually, the interest rate is about 30 percent and the individual ends up paying half as much as the original loan in interest," explained Newcomb.

Tips

Getting into debt is easy, but by following these tips, you may find it just as easy to stay out of financial hot water.

Use your credit wisely. Sales are lost if payments are spread out over a long period of time. Pay off the credit at once.

Don't borrow money needlessly, but do shop around first. There's a big difference between the Presidio credit union with interest at 12 percent and 18 percent at the banks and much more at finance companies.

Don't pay for anything for more than 36 months.

Plan for your expenses. Plan and stick to a budget so that you'll be prepared to meet those large expenses.

Keep at least a $1000 set aside for emergencies.

Shop wisely. Make use of coupons and use the PX and commissary if eligible.

"Most importantly, you've got to want to stay out of debt. And the effort must be a joint effort by both husband and the wife," states Newcomb.

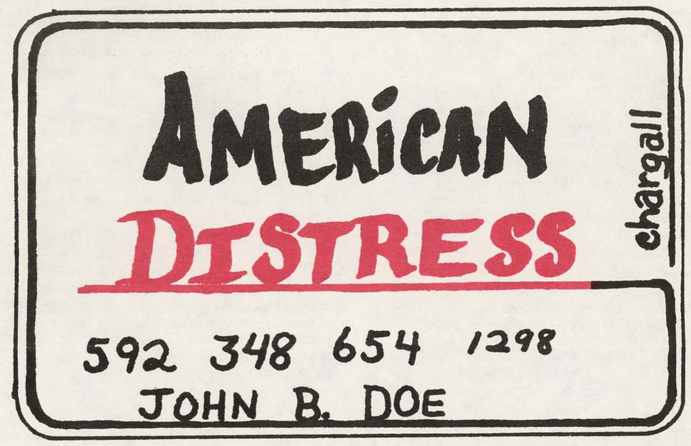
"Debt prevention is our goal," concluded Newcomb, "but we are here to help if someone gets into trouble."

Charge:

Battle cry of old could mean disaster in the war on inflation

In the days of the calvary, "charge" was the battle cry that led soldiers into combat. Today, it is the battle cry of the average American's struggle to provide his family an acceptable standard of living.

Unfortunately, in many cases, the "charge" of today is not helping to win the battle, but is leading to defeat.



Trouble

"Credit is a useful tool to help families through emergencies or to make planned purchases. It's when the credit card is constantly being used that the trouble begins," states Diane Newcomb, budget counselor at the Army Community Service.

Before you can get into trouble, you have to establish credit, which for some people may be difficult.

Soldiers often meet special problems when they seek to establish credit. Because of their many moves, they must establish credit in each area where they are assigned.

But soldiers are often the target of businessmen who try to take advantage of them. Because they have steady incomes, businessmen know that commanders can, under certain circumstances, cooperate in processing bad debt claims.

Soldiers who cannot pay their just debts or who deliberately default on a contracted debt face penalties which may be more severe than those for the general public. Indebtedness can lead to disciplinary action including discharge. Even if the soldier isn't discharged, his career could be seriously damaged. It could cause him to miss out on opportunities to advance himself in the Army.

To avoid getting into such trouble, Newcomb advises soldiers to choose carefully the companies with which they attempt to establish credit.

The law

To help protect consumers from being ripped off in their credit dealings, Congress passed the "Truth in Lending Act."

"The Truth in Lending Act isn't designed to prevent a credit company from charging high interest," explained Newcomb. "However, it requires lenders to tell it like it is."

This allows the soldier to shop for the cheapest credit available. In addition to the Truth in Lending Act, the Department of Defense has issued a "Standards of Fairness" regulation.

The regulation was established to give guidelines on how to handle and process non-payment claims against soldiers.

Not only does the regulation deal with getting the soldier to pay his debts, it also protects the soldier from excessive interest, finance charges, or fees above those permitted by the state where the debt was incurred.

Before signing a credit contract, soldiers should make sure that the lender has a copy of the DOD Certificate of Compliance. The certificate states that the lender or seller complies with the Truth in Lending Act, state credit law, and the Department of Defense Standards of Fairness.

If the lender refuses to sign the certificate, the soldier should take the contract to the Staff Judge Advocate's office for advice and give serious thoughts to shopping elsewhere.

Standards

There are ten standards which DOD has included in the regulation; they are:

Finance charges may not be more than those permitted by the law of the state where the contract was signed. If a soldier deals with an American company in a foreign country, the lowest rate of the state or states in which the company is chartered or does business will apply.

In credit sales, the buyer's defenses such as warranty fulfillment and replacement of defective parts against the original seller will be equally good against any later holders of the installment contract.

If the loan contract agreement provides for payments in installments, each payment—other than the down payment—shall be in equal or nearly equal amounts and the period between payments should not differ greatly.

The obligation may be paid off in full at any time or through accelerated payments in any amount with no penalty. If this is done, interest charges are paid only for the period the borrower actually used the money.

No late charge may be made in excess of five percent of the installment or the payment or $5, whichever is the smaller amount. Only one late charge may be made for any late installment. However, no late charge may be charged in cases where the soldier filed for an allotment to cover the payment, but the allotment has been delayed through no fault of the servicemember.

If a soldier is charged for insurance which would pay off the debt in event of death, he or she must receive an insurance policy or certificate within 30 days after the date of delivery of the item purchase or after signing for a cash loan.

If a soldier puts up an item, such as furniture, as security for a credit transaction, the member may move that item to another state or to a foreign country if THE MOVE IS REQUIRED BY MILITARY ORDERS and IF THE MEMBER NOTIFIES THE CREDITOR IN ADVANCE OF THE MOVE of his new military address.

If the security put up for a debt is repossessed and sold in order to satisfy or reduce the debt, the following condition must be met: the servicemember must be given advance written notice of the intention to repossess the item; after repossession, the soldier must be given a complete statement of the debt obligation and notice when the item will be placed on sale; the individual must be given an opportunity to regain the item by paying the amount due before the sale or placing a bid on the item at the sale. At the sale, there must be at least three sealed bids entered for the item, unless the item is sold at auction. The agency which repossessed the item and its agents cannot bid at the sale. After the item is repossessed the soldier can only be charged reasonable fees for storage, recondition and resale of the item. After the sale, the servicemember must be given a detailed written statement of the outstanding obligation. If there is money left over after the soldier's account has been settled in the sale, that money must be given to him promptly.

In the event of nonpayment of a debt, the soldier may be charged claimant attorney fees only if a suit is brought against the member. The fee charged may not be more than 20 percent of the amount found due, and no fee need be paid if the attorney is a salaried employee of the agency filing the suit.

A servicemember may cancel a contract

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Credit: Friend or foe?

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for personal goods and services at any time before the actual delivery without charge unless in writing in the contract. The seller lists any pre-production of delivery preparation cost which must be paid in event of cancellation.

Once you've decided to establish credit with a certain company or bank, the you'll be subject to a credit check.

Credit check

What do creditors look for in creditors?

"The first thing the creditors look for is stability," states Newcomb. "Included in this area is character and reputation, how long you've lived in the area, your present address, whether you own or rent, have a telephone; whether you own other property, have savings, investments, or insurance.

"Another area considered is your income. How much you make and have available for debt repayment, as well as, your job stability and your employer also helps in determining whether you'll be accepted for credit," continued Newcomb.

To establish credit you must be age 18.

Your debt record and expenses, and number of dependents are also taken into consideration during a credit check.

On'ce you've completed the application, the lender also checks your past credit history. If you've borrowed money before, chances are you will probably have a credit file at a local credit reporting agency or bureau.

This file shows creditors how you've handled debt in the past.

If you haven't used credit before, then the creditor must rely on other indications of your ability and willingness to repay debts. A file will be opened on you as soon as you are granted credit, provided the creditor reports to the credit agency or bureau.

Each credit application is judged on its own merits. No matter where you apply, the decision is based on the information you provide the creditor, the creditor's criteria for extending credit, and the company or bank's judgement of your ability to repay the debt.

Help yourself

To help soldiers establish credit, Newcomb offered the following tips:

Before you apply, know that you can repay the loan. Look at your current income and expenses. Will you be able to make the payments and still have money to meet your living expenses and other obligations?

Provide the creditor with as much information as possible on the application.

Borrow only what you need.

Establish a banking relationship. A checking or savings account makes a valuable reference. Maintaining these in good order can be an indicator of stability and good money management habits.

Use savings accounts as collateral.

Apply in your own community. If you are new in town, give the creditor the names of the credit reporting agencies in your old community.

Make a big down payment. The larger the downpayment, the less money to be borrowed and the smaller the finance charge or interest.

Make use of lay-away plans with stores who won't extend you credit. After a while you may then be able to open a charge account.

If you are turned down for credit, find out why. The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires creditors to tell you if you've been denied credit because of a credit report. You must also be given the agency's name and address. The information in your credit file is available to you free of charge if you make a written request within 30 days.

Check your credit file. You have the right to have incorrect or incomplete information reinvestigated and removed if they can't be verified. If there is a dispute about something in your file, you may write and have your version of the action included in the file.

"The best way to get and keep credit is to pay as you agreed in the contract. If you can't, because of an illness or a sudden trip, call the creditor before he calls you," says Newcomb.

There are basically four types of credit available to soldiers and consumers in general, explains Newcomb.

Types of credit

"The first is the simple charge account. This is an agreement between the store and customer by which the purchaser agrees to pay when billed for the purchases he has made. Usually this means payment will be made in full in every 30 days. This is probably the wisest form of credit to use.

"The installment account allows the customer to pay equal monthly payments from four to twenty-four months.

"Probably the most dangerous form of credit is the revolving charge," continued Newcomb. "Here the seller and customer agree to a charge limit. The buyer must pay one percent of his account each month, although he can continue to charge, and conceivably always has an outstanding account. Since the seller charges one and one half percent interest on the unpaid balance, if you pay only one percent on your bill each month you are only paying the interest."

Banks, oil companies, and other major credit card companies operate by this method. They usually have an "optional" revolving clause which is like the simple charge account; that is, there is no credit service charge if the account is paid in full on the first billing. Newcomb recommends this type of credit.

"Another form of credit to avoid is the redicheck loans and cash advances. These allow you to borrow money simply by writing an overdraft against your checking account which the bank covers, or by charging against your bank credit card.

"There's nothing wrong with buying on credit. It is a way of reasonably postponing payments, taking advantage of special buys, and establishing a sound financial reputation. The trouble comes when you're always making credit payments or continually using the credit before outstanding balances are paid, or when you have to forego necessities to pay for past luxuries," commented Newcomb.

Off Post: A look at Bay area events

by Mariette Fillman

Spend the first weekend in autumn in pursuit of adventure beyond the Golden Gate Bridge.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Sears Point Raceway hosts the Second Annual Pacific Coast Road Racing Championship Runoffs with a marathon weekend schedule. Adult tickets to this invitational competition are

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Head north on US Highway 101 to Sonoma $2 (Friday), $4 (Saturday), and $6 (Sunday); children 6-12 are admitted for half-price. Sears Point is located near the junction of Highways 37 and 121 in Sonoma. Call (707) 938-8448 for further information.

County for the Russian River Jazz Festival at Johnson's Beach in Guerneville. The performers had not been announced at presstime; for program details phone (707) 869-2584.

Amble through Old Mill Park in Mill Valley (Marin) and enjoy the Fall Arts Festival from 10 am to 6 pm.

Sims sends soldiers valuable mail

Mrs. Lois Sims

Soldiers stationed in the Pacific owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Lois Sims, few of them realize it.

Sims, an employee at the United States Army Military Mail Terminal in San Francisco, is an important link in the chain that leads right to the soldiers pocket. She is responsible for seeing that the soldiers paychecks get on the right plane to the right overseas destination.

When the JUMPS-Army check shipments leave Indianapolis for the Pacific Area Command Sims is told when they will arrive in San Francisco. She then meets the plane and checks to make sure that all the pouches are accounted for, for each overseas areas, and notifies Indianapolis of their arrival and reports any irregularities; missing seals and pouches, wet mail or missed flights.

"I enjoy working with Jumps-Army Mail because I know what it's like to be on the receiving end" Sims said, explaining, "when my husband was in the Army and we were overseas I never realized how much effort and work the government went to, to make sure we got paid on time."

Sims would schedule the pouches on flights to the proper destination and then follow up to make sure that the pouches were actually on the flight.

"The JUMPS-Army mailing program is a vital element in the morale of every member of the United States Army and the controlled and expeditious movement of JUMPS mail through the San Francisco gatewayis an important link in this chain," wrote Brigadier General C.T. Lynn, Jr., Commander, United States Army Finance and Accounting Center in a Letter of Appreciation to Sims. He added, "the JUMPS-Army check shipments from Indianapolis to the Pacific Area Command have been free of major problems primarily due to your outstanding performance, decisiveness and your keep display of professional postal knowledge."

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Handball tourney

The Post Handball Tournament is currently underway with players divided into two divisions playing a round robin to determine the top two players from each division who will advance to compete in a double elimination tournament for the post championship.

Nick Lapins, LAMC, looms as the favorite to capture the title with competition coming from Bill Schwartz, Region IX, George Baxter, Sixth Army, and Dana Ludwig, Sixth Region CID.

All matches are played in Gym No. 1, Bldg. 63.

Youth soccer

Registration for the 1979 Youth Soccer Program will be held Sept. 23 at the main post gym from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Those interested in participating in the league must bring a zeroxed copy of some document showing proof of age which will be turned into the league. Registrants will also need two, one inch by one inch head and shoulders photos for a players ID card, and $4 to cover registration fees and insurance.

Once registration is completed, participants will be formed into teams in six age groups, starting with eight years and under and extending to age 19 and under.

Post teams will compete as part of the FLAME league, one of several youth soccer leagues in the San Francisco area. The league was chosen because it is the only one which allows both boys and girls to play on the same teams.

Coaches for the post teams are needed. Parents interested in participating as coaches or in providing other assistance should contact Bruce Wicks, Presidio Soccer Coordinator on registration day.

Volleyball

The Presidio Women's volleyball team takes on the ladies from Hayward State tonight at 7:00 in post gym No. 1.

Two units lead flag football league as season gets underway

by Bob Gascon

Defending champions, LAMC No. 1, showed the boys in blue from Mill Valley, just why they are the champs, as they rolled over 666TH RADAR 37 to 0 in post flag football action last week.

Led by quarterback, **Eric "Speedy" Randolph,** who scored two touchdowns on runs of 30 and 50 yards, and **Douglas Wienstein,** who kicked a 35 yard field goal, four points after and was on the receiving end of two touchdown passes of 10 and 50 yards, was just too much offensive power for any one team to handle. LAMC's defensive unit was just as devastating as they kept the Air Force scoreless and always in trouble.

LAMC's coach John Bell, feels that this year's team is even better than the one that won the championship last year.

If this is true, coach Frank Jones, and the wild bunch from Garrison, will have their hands full to avenge last year's defeat in the Post Championship play-off.

But it wasn't all roses for LAMC No. 1 last week.

GOAL LINE BOUND--- USAG's Pat Patterson heads up field after intercepting a pass. Mumprey Moffett and Rick Heredia provide blocking.

LAIR-7 vs LAMC No. 1-0

Restraining **Randolph** from going to the outside and covering his receivers like a blanket, LAIR was able to shut down LAMC's high scoring machine for a 7 to 0 victory.

The margin of victory came on a 1 yard pass from quarterback **Lon Petersen,** who back peddled all the way back to the 30 yard line and then was able to spot **Steve Ballaron,** in the end zone who caught the ball after it was deflected by a LAMC defender for six points. The point after came from LAIR's bare footed kicker Mike Davis.

The game was a battle of the defense as neither team was able to move the ball consistently.

USAG-14 vs HQ 6 Army-0

Coach Frank Jones lead the "Wild Bunch" from Garrison to a 14 to 0 victory over Hqs 6th Army with a 32 yard pass to **Fred Lewis** in the second quarter, followed by a successful 2 point PAT on a pass for an 8 to 0 advantage at half time. Another touchdown pass from **Jones to Koiby Cain** good for 31 yards in the final period accounted for USAG's 14 points.

"The Wild Bunch," from Garrison showed a lot of promise and should be one of the top teams in the league.

Corp of Engrs-4 vs LAMC No. 2-3

LAMC No. 2 and the Corps of Engineers went scoreless until there was only 1:27 left in the game before the Corps scored on a field goal. LAMC No. 2 retaliated with a field goal of their own with 23 seconds remaining to tie the score and force the game into an overtime period consisting of 8 alternating plays starting at midfield. For seven plays LAMC No. 2 had the advantage only to be defeated on the final play when the Engineers connected on an 8 yard pass to advance into LAMC's territory for the 1 point victory.

Garrison-18 vs 666th Radar-7

Garrison's **Bobby Washington** caught three touchdown passes, two coming from **Frank Jones** for 25 and 38 yards and one from Glenn Turner good for 54 yards to pace Garrison to a 18 to 0 lead at half time over the Air Force from Mill Valley.

In the second half USAG failed to muster a score as the Air Force was able to contain the high flying Garrison receivers. In the final period 666th RADAR was able to avert the shutout as they scored their first touchdown of the season on an 11 yard pass from **Brain Synder** to **Damon Tresher.**

"The Wild Bunch" from Garrison is now 2 and 0 and tied LAIR for the lead in the Presidio Intramural Flag Football League.

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

O'seas orientation

An overseas orientation mandatory for all officers and enlisted soldiers on orders for an overseas assignment will be held Sept. 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Schwartz Theater at the Letterman Army Medical Center. Spouses are invited to attend this informative session.

CPO hours

The personnel clerk section, Recruitment & Placement Branch of the Civilian Personnel Office will be closed to telephone calls and all visitors with the exception of employees clearing post, from 12:00 pm to 4:15 pm daily.

Employees are requested to make morning appointments before visiting the personnel clerk section. This action is necessary because of the additional workload connected with processing the new clerical salary increase, the pay increase for WG and GS employees, processing and administering the open season for health benefits and continuing requirements connected with processing employee personnel records, employee benefits, and employee pay documents.

DYA classes

Dependent Youth Activities is offering a gymnastics class for youngsters ages four through 19. Lessons begin Oct. 8 at post gym No. 1. The classes will be conducted on Mondays or Fridays through Nov. 16, and cost is $12. Interested youths must register at the Morale Support Activities office in Building 122 between 8:00 a.m. and noon. For more information call DYA at 561-5143.

Rec Center

The Recreation Center has tickets to the following events:

San Francisco 49ers vs the New Orleans Saints for this Sunday.

Discount tickets for **Bay Meadow Race Track** and **Reno Hospitality Discount Books.**

The center will feature the rock and roll band "Grace" next Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The Presidio Bicycle Club meets each Saturday at the Recreation Center beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Monday evening free backgammon instructions begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday sewing instructions are given at 6:30 p.m., followed by Disco dance classes at 7:30.

The center rocks with live music every Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Pool lessons fill up Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30.

The Rec Center is open Monday through Friday from 5:00-11:00 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 2:00-11:00 p.m.

EM Wives

The Presidio Enlisted Men's Wives' Club will tour the Kilpatrick Bakery on Sept. 28. For reservations call 561-5939.

The club will also hold a bake sale at the Letterman Army Medical Center on Oct. 1.

Anyone interested in joining the group may do so on the first Monday of each month during the club's meeting at the NCO/Enlisted Mens' Club beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Toyland open

Christmas is right around the corner and to help Santa prepare for his yearly visit, the Presidio Exchange Toyland is now open in the Four Seasons store.

According to Mrs. Sondra Bourne, exchange manager, there will be a special sale on a wide variety of toys and batteries, Oct. 12-17.

"This is a good time for Santa to get a peak at what that little boy or girl in your house wants this year," stated Bourne.

At the O'Club

The Golden State Jazz Quartet provides the Thursday evening entertainment in the Attic Lounge of the Presidio Officer's Club. Ev Farley's Dixieland sounds will also be a part of the Thursday evening entertainment at the club. Roast beef and ribs are served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Sept. 24 is Membership Appreciation Night. Reduced prices will be available on all steaks and other meals. Miss Judy Dennis and her orchestra will provide the evening's entertainment.

Every Wednesday evening is International Food night, this week the special is Chinese. The club's regular ala carte menu is also available on Wednesdays.

Joe Smeill's Ompah Band and Bavarian Dance Team will highlight the club's annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 10. A dinner buffet will be served from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Make your reservations by calling 561-4260.

Parking spaces

All vehicles presently stored at Battery Caulfield are being reassigned new parking spaces. Owners are asked to contact the Vehicle Registration Office in building 36 or call 561-3810 or 3811. Individuals with information concerning a number of abandoned vehicles should also contact the office.

Officers' wives

Kevin Starr, noted author and columnist for the San Francisco Examiner will be the guest speaker for the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon Oct. 4. The luncheon will be held in the Presidio Officers' Club and spouses are invited to attend. To make reservations call 561-2472, 561-4620 or 883-5010 by Oct. 1.

Red Cross news

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Sept. 21 Last Embrace (R)
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Sept. 28 Last Embrace (R)

Civilian Pay scale with 7 percent

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	7,210	7,450	7,690	7,930	8,170	8,410	8,650	8,890	8,902	9,129
2	8,128	8,399	8,670	8,902	9,002	9,267	9,532	9,797	10,062	10,327
3	8,952	9,250	9,548	9,846	10,144	10,442	10,740	11,038	11,336	11,634
4	10,049	10,384	10,719	11,054	11,389	11,724	12,059	12,394	12,729	13,064
5	11,243	11,618	11,993	12,368	12,743	13,118	13,493	13,868	14,243	14,618
6	12,531	12,949	13,367	13,785	14,203	14,621	15,039	15,457	15,875	16,293
7	13,925	14,389	14,853	15,317	15,781	16,245	16,709	17,173	17,637	18,101
8	15,423	15,937	16,451	16,965	17,479	17,993	18,507	19,021	19,535	20,049
9	17,035	17,603	18,171	18,739	19,307	19,875	20,443	21,011	21,579	22,147
10	18,760	19,385	20,010	20,635	21,260	21,885	22,510	23,135	23,760	24,385
11	20,611	21,298	21,985	22,672	23,359	24,046	24,733	25,420	26,107	26,794
12	24,703	25,526	26,349	27,172	27,995	28,818	29,641	30,464	31,287	32,110
13	29,375	30,354	31,333	32,312	33,291	34,270	35,249	36,228	37,207	38,186
14	34,713	35,870	37,027	38,184	39,341	40,498	41,655	42,812	43,969	45,126
15	40,832	42,193	43,554	44,915	46,276	*47,637	*48,998	*50,359	*51,720	*53,081
16	*47,889	*49,485	*51,081	*52,677	*54,273	*55,869	*57,465	*59,061	*60,657	
17	*56,099	*57,969	*59,839	*61,709	*63,579					
18	*65,750									

This pay chart does not include the new clerical salaries.

* Pay limited to the $47,500 limit for level V of the Executive Schedule.

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Soldiers want to be informed

The results of a recent human relations survey conducted here have shown that Presidio enlisted soldiers are concerned about their living conditions, promotions, education, male-female relationships, and the lack of information coming from their unit commanders.

These results are now being studied by the post commander to find methods to answer the soldiers' concerns.

"The results of this survey show us that th eproblems in a soldier's life haven't changed in recent years," stated Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., post commander. "We soldiers and leaders need to do better in solving these problems."

"The survey, taken by 320 soldiers assigned to Presidio units, was conducted to help the commander and the human resources development staff determine the human relations atmosphere on the post," according to 1st Lt. Ronald G. Seikel, equal opportunity staff officer.

The questions, asked of soldiers in grades E-6 and below covered four areas: military justice (article 15 and court martials), promotions, education (military and civilian) and a generalized area on reenlistment. Soldiers were also given the opportunity to add any additional written comments they wanted to make. "There were over 100 comments made by those surveyed, which indicated strong concern," stated Seikel.

A large majority of the soldiers who participated in the survey stated that their commander did not keep them informed of career enchancing military schools.

Of those who chose to make written comments, a large number spoke about the living conditions in the barracks. One soldier commented, "Life is harder on single soldiers in the barracks. We are grabbed for details at all times of the day."

"Many of the soldiers don't understand why they weren't being promoted," stated Seikel. "Most said that their commander didn't make them aware of why they weren't being recommended for promotion."

Female-male relationships stirred a few comments from soldiers of both sexes. Some males commented, "Females get easier jobs." While the women stated, "Females aren't getting the opportunity to do the same things as males."

Other comments included, "Leadership dictates and does not lead by example. Communications are not getting to the troops."

Besides having a bad affect upon unit morale and mission accomplishment, the attitudes expressed in the survey are hurting other post programs. "These attitudes are tearingup the reenlistment program," stated SFC John Hayes, post reelistment NCO. "Commanders and senior NCO's should take a look at these results and do whatever they can to improve the situation."

According to Seikel, unit commanders will be getting the results of this survey and future executive seminars will be directed towards improving communication between leaders and their co-workers.

"The concerns our people expressed in the survey are valid," stated Hall. They are challenges to leaders, who have a responsibility to see that the people in their units are informed. They are challenges to managers like me to improve barracks life and educational opportunities. I can't help saying that they are also challenges to the individual's concerned to reach out and use the opportunities open to them for education and gaining information. Communication is a two-way process."

Meal prices up

It's going to cost more to eat

Although Presidio officials had yet to receive implementing instructions at press time, it appears that meal rates in Army dining facilities will be increased by 7.6 percent effective Monday, October 1.

Information received through the Department of the Army Public Affairs news service indicates that the Department of Defense directed move is designed to keep pace with increased costs elsewhere.

In addition to the basic meal rates, surcharges have been increased as well.

The new meal rates are:

Meal	Authorized Personnel	Cadets	Children Under 12
Breakfast	$.70	$.60	$.35
Lunch	$1.40	$1.15	$.70
Dinner	$1.40	$1.15	$.70
Brunch	$1.60	$1.35	$.80
Dinner/Brunch	$1.90	$1.55	$.90
Holiday meal	$2.05	$1.70	$1.00

The new surcharges are:

Meal	No Per Diem	Per Diem	Children
Breakfast	$.35	$1.00	$.35
Lunch	$.35	$2.00	$.35
Dinner	$.35	$2.00	$.35
Brunch	$.35	$2.00	$.35
Dinner/Brunch	$.50	$3.00	$.50
Holiday meal	$1.10	$3.05	$1.10
Night meal	$.35per	meal served	$.35

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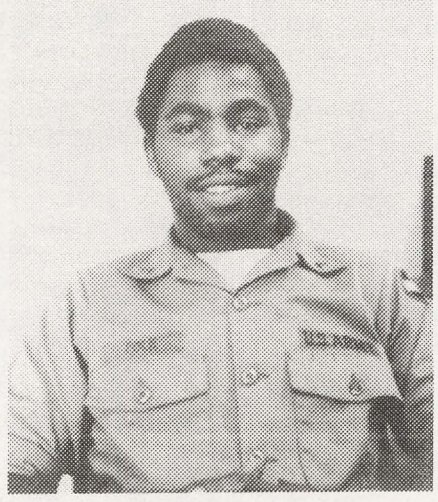
Balloons from "Balloons Excelsior" of Oakland were launched from Crissy Field to mark the kickoff of the United Way Campaign. (Photo by Don Terry)

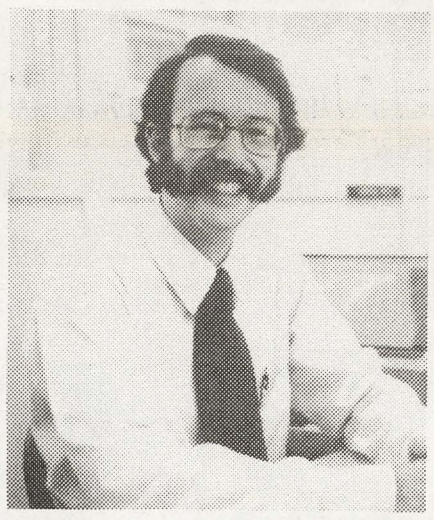
Ramblin' Sam

Do you feel using a credit card is good or bad?

Mrs. Ruby Poullard, Survivor Assistance clerk--- "They're good for emergencies. There are a lot of people that abuse the credit card and get themselves into trouble. I learned the hard way.

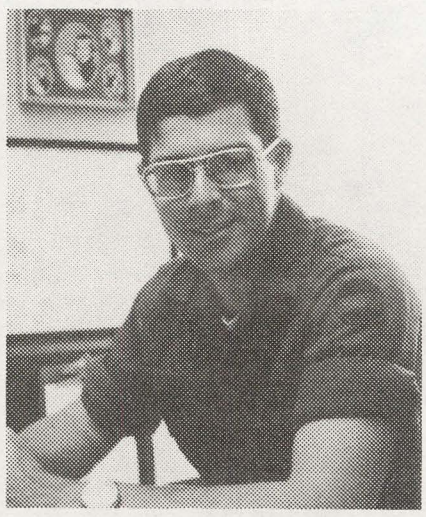
Pvt. 2 Wayne Polk, Orderly Room Clerk, USAG--- "I think that it's very good because it's convenient and gives you a chance to buy things when you don't have money. I am planning on getting one for myself."





Mr. Phil Bigelow, DIO--- "I feel that it's bad in these times of inflation when credit is too easily available, and overuse of credit will feed inflation. People should limit its use to emergencies only."

Capt. William Taylor, Adjutant, 504th MP Bn-- "I feel that it's a good idea if a person uses it wisely. An individual must be a responsible person and not be like a child turned loose in a candy store."



Mr. Milton Zeman, Vehicle Maintainance--- "It depends on the person. It's like booze, some can handle it and some can't. It's for mature people who can control their spending habits."

Let's talk

To borrow the words of Gerald Ford, "It's time for a little straight talk among friends."

We have a communications problem and it has nothing to do with the telephone. We are just not talking with one another. This is evident by the results of the human relations survey.

Instead of pointing fingers as to who is at fault, let's take a look at how we can communicate better.

The first step is to bring problems and questions out into the open instead of keeping them locked up inside or limiting discussion only to a few friends. Part of the job of being a noncommissioned officer is to help get answers to questions and solutions to problems faced by the lower enlisted soldiers.

Once NCOs have been made aware of the problem, they shouldn't push it aside or dismiss it to the old cliche, "Yours is not to question why. Yours is but to do or die." An honest attempt to answer the question or solve the problem should be made. If the NCO can't handle the situation, the individual should be referred to the person who can help.

When called upon to answer a soldier's problem or question, candor and honesty should be the tone. Double talk and passing the buck are not the answer.

The commander's communications with his soldiers shouldn't be limited to answering questions, correcting problems or handing out discipline.

Commanders need to get out and see their soldiers in their duty sections and in their off-duty environment. The commander should be aware of the problems the soldier faces in his section and off-duty long before they require disciplinary action.

Commanders must make use of the NCOs in their units to insure that soldiers are getting the information they need to get promoted and improve themselves. In fact, this is a job that NCOs should be doing without direction from the commander.

Communication is a two way street and soldiers have to play their part in the system. The chain of command is there to be used to help solve problems and answer questions. Use it.

No one is out to ignore the enlisted soldier's questions or problems. Most officers and NCOs are concerned and willing to help out, if only they knew what was bothering the soldier.

Believe it or not, the Army's leadership is concerned and working to help its soldiers. An example of this is the recent decision by the President to approve a 7 percent pay hike.

Long before the President changed his mind, Army commanders were telling the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army that soldiers needed more money.

This information was passed on to the President who, for whatever reason, decided on a larger raise.

Most units on post have unit fund councils and junior enlisted councils which are designed to improve life for the soldier. Every commander on this post has an open door policy to allow soldiers to explain their problems, questions and even to make recommendations.

The avenues for communication are there, but they must be used to work.

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Modern Army is Meyer's goal

WASHINGTON—The wearing of berets, registration, the draft, the Army's goals, the Army's main problems, recruiting shortfalls, the rapid deployment of force—all these were subjects discussed by Gen. Edward C. Meyer at his first press conference as Chief of Staff this week.

"I don't believe a soldier should be the one who decides whether or not we have a draft. I think that's a national decision," Meyer said. Registration, however, is an entirely separate issue, he added, "I am on record for registration, and I continue to believe that way. Registration has to do solely with mobilization and our ability to go to war if we are called upon to do so. . .that's prudent deterrence on the part of a nation."

In his opening remarks at the press conference, Meyer stated his two basic goals for the Army. "The first is to insure that we have an Army that is capable of going to war today and tomorrow. That tomorrow is because we have to be sure that we have the kind of Army that's responsive to the 1990's."

"The other goal that I have set is to create a climate within the Army that permits each individual to have the opportunity to fulfill themselves to their total capability."

Meyer identified two major obstacles in front of the Army today. The first is the ability to recruit for the total force—the Active and Reserve Components and the individual ready reserve.

The other main obstacle, according to Meyer, is the modernization of the Army. "A modernization era or period unlike any we've seen in the past except perhaps World War II."

When asked about recruiting shortfalls, Meyer said, "It looks now as though at the end of this month, which is the end of the fiscal year, we are going to end up somewhere around 13,000 to 15,000 short." He added that the impact would be felt mainly in CONUS units not on high priority for deployment. "We will maintain our units overseas at 100 percent strength. We will maintain our early deploying units as close to 100 percent strength as we can."

The rapid deployment force came up in the conference and Meyer described the Army element. "Clearly every rapid deployment force that you look at is going to vary. It is going to vary based on the contingency that you are called upon to respond to. So it contains a potpourri of forces, all the way from very limited war type forces all the way up through a corps consisting of both heavy and light infantry and anti-air, Army air and so on."

The last question directed at the Chief of Staff was about his stand on the wearing of berets. "I have two basic policies as far as the berets—as far as any accouterments are concerned. One, soldiers won't wear anything that they have to pay for out of their own pocket. If a guy is going to wear it, it is going to be issued to him. Second, any unit that decides to come in with a request for a change in the uniform as far as its particular unit is concerned, I will run it through the uniform board and make an independent assessment of it."

Gen. Edward C. Meyer

Miss Fran Roberts

Army to save $130,000

The Army has found a good investment. By paying $1,200 to a Presidio civilian employee, it has saved $130,000.

Thanks to a suggestion by Miss Fran Roberts, a realty specialist with the Facilities Engineers, the Army was able to get rid of some buildings at Camp Roberts and save the money that would have had to be spent to have a contractor come in and tear them down.

Roberts suggested that the Army allow civilian firms in the Bay area to bid on the buildings and then to come in and tear them down for the materials.

The suggestion was approved and Roberts recently received a check and a letter of appreciation from President Carter.

According to Barbara Eckstrom, of the Incentive Awards branch of Civilian Personnel, thousands of dollars are paid to military and civilian personnel who participate in the suggestion program.

"By making these awards, the Army and the government save millions of dollars each year. Last year on the Presidio, we saved over $196,000. This year we hope to do even better," commented Eckstrom.

Get a new MOS and a bonus too

Presidio soldiers thinking about reenlisting now have six more MOS's to choose from in the Bonus Extention and Retraining (BEAR) program, according to SFC John Hayes, post reenlistment NCO.

"The following MOS titles have been added to the program," explained Hayes, "signal security analyst, electronic warfare/signal morse interceptor, fire support specialist, air traffic control operator, air traffic control radar controller, and intelligence analyst."

One MOS, vulcan system mechanic, has been dropped from the program, according to Hayes, and the atomic demolition specialist and chemical operations specialist have been temporarily suspended from the program.

Applications for the two suspended MOS's are not being accepted due to a lack of available training seats through the first half of fiscal year 1980. These MOS's will be reopened in early calendar 1980.

"The BEAR program is designed to allow soldiers to extend their enlistment for retraining in an MOS which has a selective reenlistment bonus," explained Hayes. "Once they've completed the training, soldiers are awarded the MOS as their primary specialty and then reenlists in that MOS."

You can help care for children

Ramona Elena was 7 years old and suffering from scoliosis, a severe over-curvature of the spine.

Undoubtedly she had never heard of the affliction called scoliosis any more than she had ever heard about CARE, MEDICO or the Combined Federal Campaign, yet each will leave its mark on her for the rest of her life.

As it turned out, a young volunteer orthopedic surgeon from Atlanta, Georgia would be the instrument through which she would be able to overcome her deformity. The surgery, which lasted six hours and was funded by MEDICO, has become the first such procedure ever to be successful in the Dominican Republic.

Now, nearly seven years after that historic operation, Ramona Elena Torres is leading a near-normal life, looking forward to a fruitful life thanks to all those who gave to Combined Federal Campaign that year.

CARE, which oversees the MEDICO operation, is but one of seven programs operated as the International Service Agencies, or ISA. Its mission is to improve health, increase food production, expand educational opportunities, teach job skills, control population growth and aid the oppressed overseas.

The other agencies within ISA include Helen Keller International; International Human Assistance Programs, Inc.; the International Rescue Committee; Planned Parenthood-World Population; Project HOPE and the Save the Children Federation.

Ramona Elena is just one story about one little girl who received a lot of help because someone like you cared. There are millions of others just like her who need our help and the Combined Federal Campaign can be the means to that end.

If you're interested in donating to CFC you can do so by contacting your Keyperson by Nov. 16.

Military Police, not always a part of the Army

Story and Photos
by Don Terry

You can sleep tonight because the military police are awake.

Like owls in the night, the MPs watch and are ready to put their lives on the line so that you and your family may sleep peacefully.

The military police not only spend their nights watching out for your protection and safety but they spend their entire military careers looking out for your welfare. They are available to help prevent crime, enforce laws, provide protection during civil disturbance and aid during times of disaster. They also provide traffic control so that you can make it to your destination in one piece.

In war or in peace, day or night, holidays and weekends and at many places around the world, the Military Police Corps is there to serve you.

"A cut above the average soldier" is how Capt. Howard J. Carey, military police operations officer describes today's military policemen.

The Military Police Corps was established to protect individual rights and property, similar to the mission of civilian police authorities. Besides the routine operations such as accident investigation, crime prevention, traffic control and criminal investigation, the MP is also called on to handle civil disturbance and provide security, both physical and mental, for military personnel and property.

Revolutionary War

One of the youngest branches of the Army, the Military Police Corps was established on September 26, 1941. Its traditions of duty and service, however, are unsurpassed in the history of our armed services. Soldies in the United States have have been performing police duties since the Revolutionary War.

In January, 1776, Captain Bartholomew Von Heer was appointed as "Provost Marshal" of the Army of the United Colonies by George Washington. Two years later, congress established the Provost Corps to be mounted on horseback, and armed and accoutered as Light Dragoons.

The duties of the Corps which were published in October of 1778 and signed by Washington, included, "patroling the camp and its neighborhood for the purpose of apprehending deserters, marauders, drunkards, rioters, and stragglers, and to apprehend all other soldiers that may be detected in violation of general orders."

The Army had no formal police force for almost a hundred years after the War of Independence.

In 1861 at the start of the Civil War, the War Department issued orders to institute the Corps of the Provost Marshal under the control of the Provost Marshal General with duties which included arresting deserters and spies.

The Veteran's Reserve Corps was organized in 1863 "to retain the military services of deserving officers and men who, from wounds received in action or disease contracted in the service, were unfit for further duty in the field. . ."

Because the Veterans Reserve Corps and the office of the Provost Marshal General were disbanded in 1866 and from that time until World War I, commanders used personnel at their disposal for military police work.

Gen. Pershing

Due to the increasing complexity of warfare, General Pershing recognized the need for specially trained men to perform military police duties and directed a training depot be established at once for both officers and soldiers of the Provost Marshal Service. He also proposed and made plans for a special force to be known as the Military Police Corps stating, "Experience dictates that the Military Police Corps should have permanent personnel for efficiency."

The War Department approved General Pershing's proposal and on October 15, 1918 the Military Police Corps was established, with the following standard, "Each soldier must be over 21 years of age, over five feet seven inches in height with proportionate weight, and have sufficient education to write reports, draw up charges, and read maps intelligently. A private in this organization must possess, in a marked degree, all of the qualities usually required of a non-commissioned officer."

By the end of the war, it appeared that the military police would remain as a formal part of the Army's force structure, but as the guns of war fell silent, the military police were phased out once again and retained only in the reserve structure.

World War II

With the start of World War II, the need for trained personnel was again realized and in January 1941, the Military Police School was established at Arlington, Virginia.

During the war years, the corps expanded rapidly and reached a peak strength of 8,000 officers and 200,000 enlisted men. These military policemen landed with invasion forces around the globe and handled traffic control in forward areas of the Pacific, European, North African, and Burmese campaigns. The MPs controlled over 425,000 enemy prisoners of war in the United States besides those held overseas.

Victory and the resulting demobilization brought a decline in the number of soldiers and units assigned to the Military Police Corps; however, its responsibilities continued to expand wherever United States military forces were stationed.

Combat commanders around the world recognized the contributions which the MP Corps had made, and for the first time in our nation's history, the MP Corps became a part of a peacetime force structure.

In many instances, MPs were the first forces to move into ocucpied areas, where they fostered trust and respect for United States forces. They combated the problems of lawlessness, plundering, and blackmarketing.

Korea

In July 1950, US troops were committed to combat in South Korea which brought another expansion of the Military Police Corps. The limited, short and frustrating "police action" in Korea was one of two in recent history that tested our Army and our nation. But, in this war the military police added new glory and dimension to their works. They met the enemy behind the lines, protected vital roads and installations, and were responsible for the evacuation of refugees and the custody of prisoners of war.

When the Vietnam war broke, the escalated Military Police Corps won widespread praise for its performance of duty.

Military Police assignments in Vietnam included convoy escorts, door gunners in helicopters, patrol boat assignments, joint police operations, protection of vital installations, confinement of U. S. soldiers, prisoners of war advisory efforts, and combat operations. In fact, the 18th Military Police Brigade became the first of its kind to be deployed in combat.

Using armored cars and river patrol boats, the MPs distinguished themselves in battle far and wide, and were instrumental in defending the U. S. Embassy in Saigon during the "TET Offensive."

Today, there are military police organizations located in Germany, Italy, the Canal Zone, Alaska, Korea, Japan, Hawaii, and at every military installation within the continental United States. Military police are found supporting the US Army wherever soldiers may be stationed.

The men and women of the Military Police Corps range in age and experience from the recent graduate of Basic Law Enforcement Training to the seasoned veteran.

"The key to success in any business environment is the establishment of order. The same is true in the military. To meet this objective, discipline must be established and laws enforced," stated Carey.

"An important facet of today's MP duties is the prevention of crime. We try to assist soldiers and their families in the accomplishment of this task by recognizing and monitoring potential crime areas and taking corrective action," continued Carey.

Because the Army represents a cross-section of our nation, MPs must be prepared to investigate all types of crimes, incidents, and complaints. Although the crime rate in the Army is lower than in most civilian communities, the size and world-wide commitments of the Army are such as to make the prevention and investigation of crime as important as success on the battlefield.

"In order to be successful in the future, the Army must be able to move freely. Military policemen and women are responsible for seeing that soldiers and supplies are free to travel over land without unnecessary delays," stated Carey.

An MP is also responsible for enforcing traffic laws and helping to minimize traffic accidents.

Combat ready

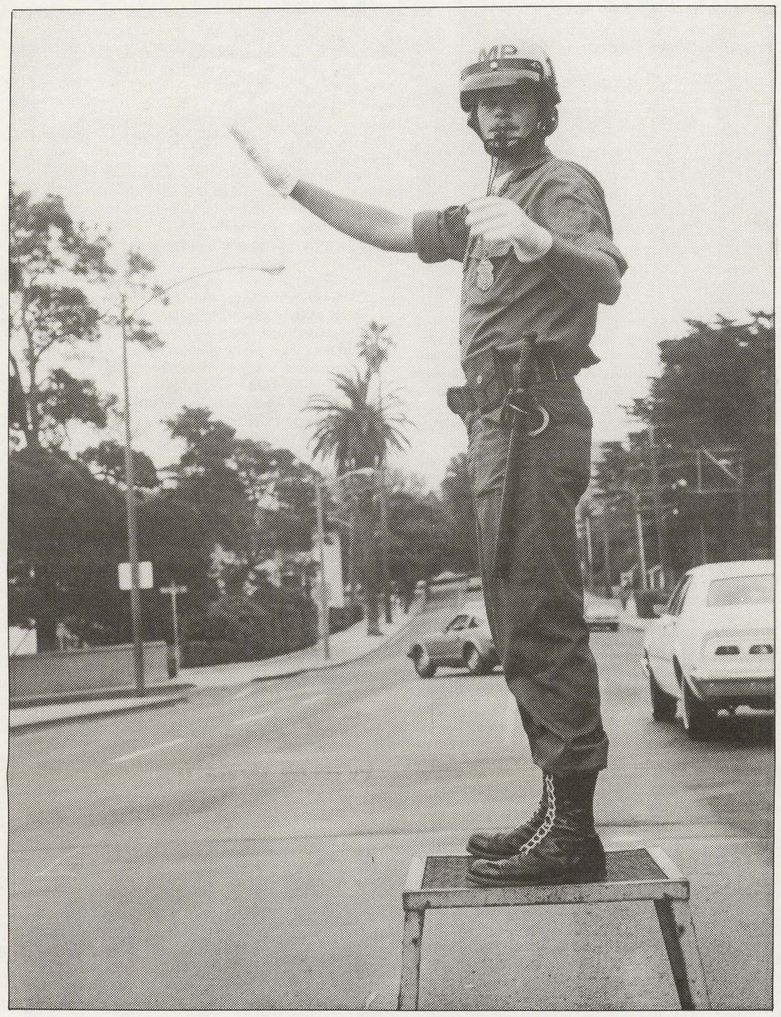
Because the 504th MP Battalion is a "Straf" unit, an important part of its training is as a combat unit," explained Carey.

"In conventional wars of the past, combat was generally limited to the forward lines and the rear areas were primarily concerned with logistics and administration. Today, however, as a result of increased mobility and new concepts of warfare, encounters with the enemy forces can be anticipated in all areas. We must be prepared to respond to any combat support role, the military police, guerrilla, terrorist, sabotage, or small enemy penetration," Carey added.

Military police operations at vital installations, armed convoy security, armed area reconnaissance, and attacking enemy forces which have penetrated the front lines.

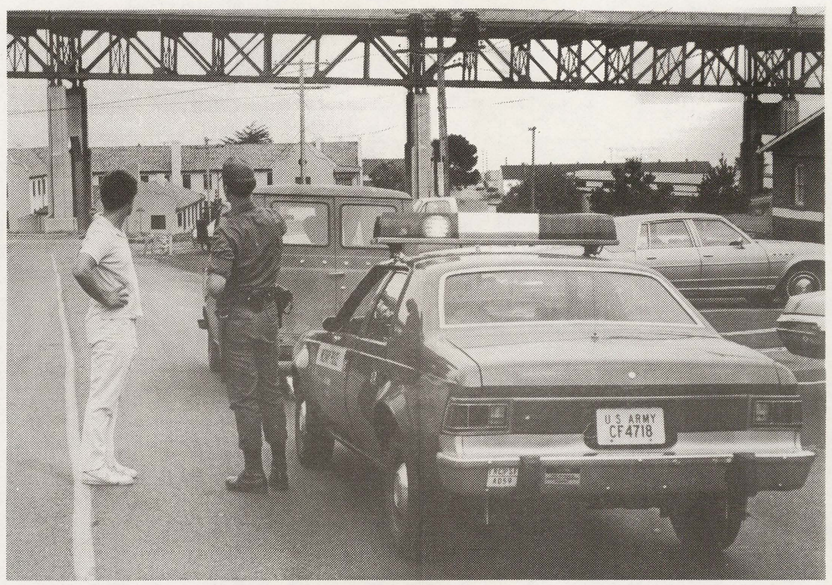
Another combat duty of the MP Corps is the responsibility for the custody, care, utilization, pay, accountability, and repatriation of prisoners of war and civilian internees who have to be transported to camps out of the combat area.

"Tomorrow, more than ever before, MPs must be prepared to be confronted with situations which require a thorough understanding and knowledge of law, psychology, sociology and criminology; a greater sensitivity to human rights; the ability to make quick decisions; and the courage to persist in the face of danger. And we'll be ready," concluded Carey.



STOP. . . Pvt. 2 Stephen Baker, MP, conducts traffic control to help the flow of traffic.

FIRE. . . Military police become familiar with many different types of weapons.



Military police don't make traffic stops just to issue a citation but many stops are to assist motorists

AIRLIFT. . . The key to any successful combat operations is mobility. The same holds true for the military police. (Photo by Don Terry)

'JAWS' bites, Hutton's ready

by Tom Tiernan

The huge shark jaws with their razor sharp teeth are a grim reminder of the power of one of the most dangerous and mysterious creatures in the sea. But for Dr. (Col.) John E. Hutton, Jr., the jaws are a challenge.

Hutton, Chief of General and Vascular surgery at Letterman Army Medical Center, (LAMS), is an expert on shark attacks and considered by many to be one of America's pioneers in the treatment of shark bites.

Why does an Army hospital need a shark bite specialist?

"There are more shark attacks in this area than in the entire country," explained Hutton. Since most victims are brought to LAMC by the Coast Guard, it is important to have someone on hand who is experienced in this area.

According to Hutton, treating shark bites requires no special training, "just knowing how to stop the bleeding, replacing lost blood and body fluids, can help save a victim's life," states Hutton.

"A major part of treating shark bite victims is removing the shark's teeth from the wound. You simply can't close up the wounds without looking for the teeth. Many victims have survived a shark attack only to lose a limb later because of the infection caused by the teeth."

Hutton became interested in treating shark bite victims shortly after his assignment to LAMC in 1971. "It was the memorial day weekend and the Coast Guard brought in a 31 year old man who had been attacked off Tomales Point. While looking at the X-rays of his injuries I thought the shark had fractured the man's leg, but then I saw the bone was intact."

What Hutton saw and removed from the victim's leg was three fragments of shark teeth.

Since that day, Hutton has spent thousands of hours researching advances in the treatment of shark bite victims. His office is filled with books and papers on the subject and he will soon co-author the first American medical paper on the subject.

"There are somewhere between 209 and 250 species of sharks. Only nine or 10 of these have been involved in attacks on man," points out Hutton.

"These sharks are not so much man-eaters as man-biters. In most attacks the shark bites and lets go. Only occasionally does the shark return," explained Hutton.

"When the shark attacks he first bumps into the victim to determine what it is he is about to bite. He then circles and comes in for the attack with his snoot up and his lower jaw down. He then clamps his jaw onto the victim. In cases generally not involving man, the shark then begins to twist and tear away pieces of his victims. In the majority of attacks on man he simply bites, then raises the victim out of the water, takes him under and then releases the victim."

According to Hutton, not much is known about the shark's feeding habits, because they haven't survived in captivity much longer than 48 hours.

"We also don't understand why he attacks man. Perhaps it is to protect his territory or he may mistake us for seals. The shark has a computer like mind that helps him recognize the various movements of a fish. He can tell when a fish is swimming along normally or when he's in trouble. It could be that some of man's actions resemble a fish in trouble," added Hutton.

"The shark has an extremely sensitive sensory system which can detect vibrations in the water up to 400 yards away. He also depends on smell and probably sight at the very last moment before the attack," Hutton pointed out.

There is no clear reason either as to why sharks bite humans and then swim away. One theory however is that man struggles too much for the shark who doesn't like to fight for his meal."

Although man's knowledge of sharks is limited he is rapidly expanding his skills in treating shark bite, says Hutton. "A few years ago 50 percent of shark bite victims died. Now about 80 percent live to go back in the water again."

"The key," says Hutton to helping a shark bite victim is to stop the bleeding. "When a shark bites, you're thrashing about, and you're just plain scared. Your heart is pumping blood as fast as it is causing you to lose more blood."

"Getting the victim to shore, calming him down and applying pressure to bleeding areas can mean the difference between life and death," added Hutton.

Hutton, however, has seen worst wounds than shark bites in his career. The former Marine Corps infantry and aviation officer served in Vietnam as chief of surgery and professional services with the 91st Evacuation Hospital from 1968 to 1969. "Many shark bites aren't as bad as many combat wounds," he commented.

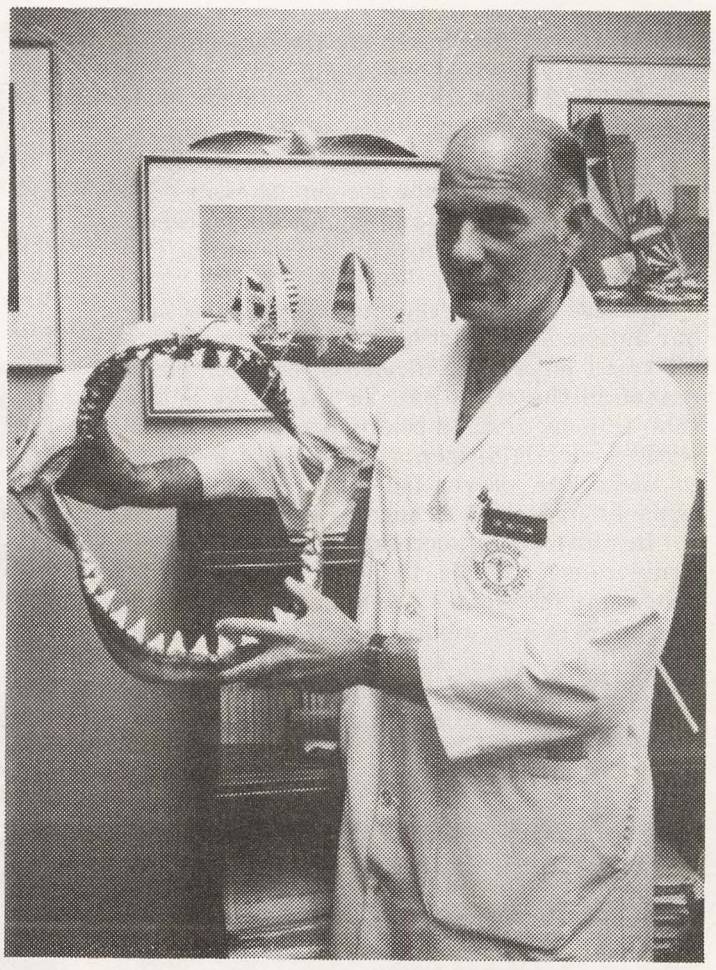
The New York native is a graduate of Weslyan University and a five year veteran of the Marines Corps. He attended the George Washington University Medical School and did his internship and residency as a general surgeon at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he retuned in 1969 as a fellow in vascular surgery and as the assistant chief of the section.

Once a fierce sail boat competitor, Hutton has now turned to taking photos of sailing events on San Francisco Bay. "Being a boat owner requires a lot of time and once I got into medicine, I didn't feel I had the time to devote to it. So using my Marine training as an aerial photographer, I started photographing sailing events," explained Hutton.

Hutton quickly mastered photography with his photos appearing nine times on the cover of "Yachting" magazine, and other boating publications. He has won the Chronicle-Examiner photo competitions and deveral military photography contests.

"But my true love," states Hutton is medical photography. I've had many of my pictures printed in medical journals and publications."

Hutton and his wife Barbara have four children, all who enjoy the water and are top notch swimmers.



THE BETTER TO BITE YOU WITH. . . Dr. (Col.) John E. Hutton displays the massive size of the jaws of a white shark. Hutton, chief of general surgery at Letterman Army Medical Center is one of this country's leading experts on the treatment of shark bites. (Photo by Don Terry)

SAILING. . . This photo of two sail boats in a race on San Francisco Bay is an example of the photographic work of Dr. (Col.) John E. Hutton, chief of general surgery at LAMC. The shark bite expert took up photography when his medical duties prevented him from sailing.

CHAMPUS deductible must be met

Beginning Oct. 1, CHAMPUS beneficiaries must meet their annual deductible requirement for outpatient care and supplies before the program will share the cost, officials announced last week.

According to Bill Reardon, CHAMPUS advisor at Letterman Army Medical Center, outpatient deductible refers to the initial amount beneficiaries must pay each fiscal year before CHAMPUS will help cover the cost of outpatient care. "Individuals must pay the first $50 of authorized outpatient charges. For a family with two or more, the maximum deductible in a fiscal year is $100."

CHAMPUS will share the cost of authorized outpatient care, services or supplies after the deductible has been met and certified. The deductible amounts will be added to beneficary claims in the same order as the CHAMPUS claims are processed.

"For dependent spouses and children of active duty servicemembers, CHAMPUS will pay 80 percent of the allowable charges," states Reardon.

"CHAMPUS will pay 75 percent of the allowable charges of retirement military personnel and their dependents and surviving dependent spouses or children of deceased active duty and retired servicemembers," Reardon continued.

CHAMPUS users who have any questions about the program should call Reardon at 561-4923.

Off Post: A look at Bay area events

by Mariette Fillman

Pre-Columbus Day activities highlight this last weekend in September.

Saturday

Relax in a bayside seat at the Columbus Day Bocce Ball Tournament. The sport, more commonly known in this country as lawn bowling, enjoys quite a following among North Beach residents of the City. Play begins at 11 a.m. at the Aquatic Park alleys located at the foot of Polk Street.

Celebrate the World Day for Animals in Golden Gate Park's Band Concourse from noon until 3 p.m.

Browse through the City's annual outdoor Art Show in the Civic Center Plaza, Polk and McAllister Streets. The exhibit concludes on Sunday.

Sunday

Cast your eyes skyward at the seventh annual Kite Festival Family Day on the Marina Green, just outside the Lyon Street gate. Activity gets underway at 10 am, continuing until approximately 5 p.m.

Join the City's Italian community in a day of rituals honoring its fishing fleet. Celebrants head toward Fisherman's Wharf at 2 p.m. from the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, 666 Filbert Street, following an 11 a.m. high mass. The eight-block route takes the procession along Columbus Avenue and Leavenworth Street to the Jefferson Street boat basins.

At the wharf, Auxiliary Bishop Francis Quinn, will sprinkle holy water on the fishing boats and offer prayers for abundance and protection of the fishermen in the waters of the Golden Gate.

Following the fleet blessing a program of Italian and Hispanic entertainment will be staged adjacent to the boat harbor. The procession then returns to the church for a sermon and benediction at 4 p.m.

The Recreation Center offers the following for your off duty pleasure:

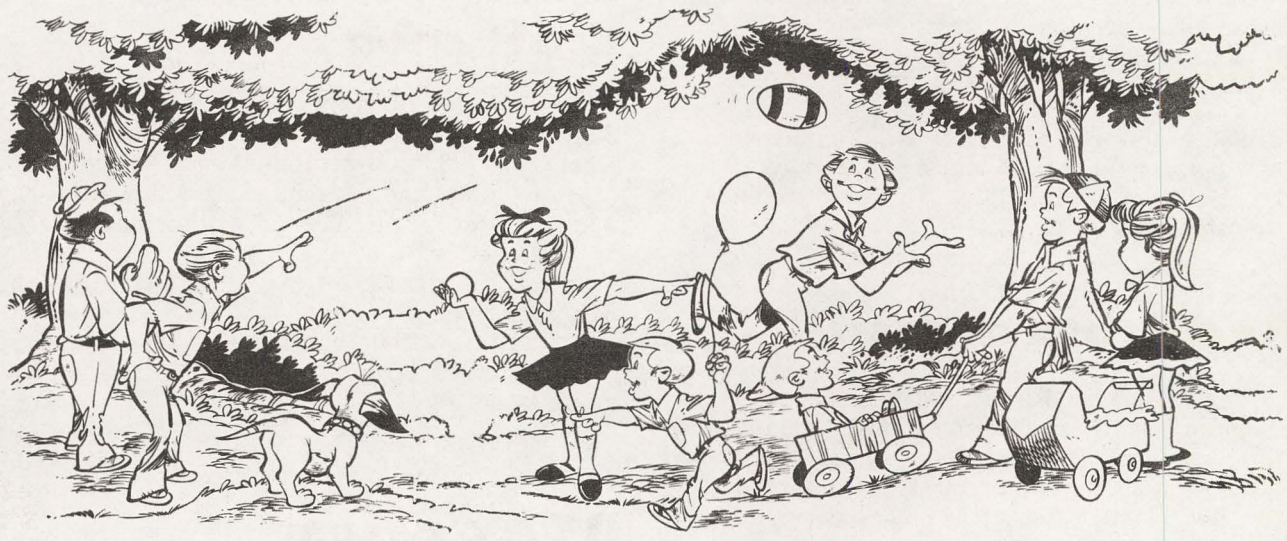
Special discount tickets for the final two weekends at Great America. The park closes Oct. 14.

Tickets to the **San Francisco 49ers Oct. 21 (Atlanta Falcons)** and **Oct. 28 (Chicago Bears)** games are now on sale.

Discount tickets for Bay Meadow are also available for all events through Dec. 22.

Reno Hospitality books may be purchased at the center as well as the **Military Travel Guide** and the **Night Club Entertainment Guide.**

For more information call the Rec Center at 561-2000 after 4:00 p.m.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

Aquarian winners

Eleven Aquarius swimmers brought home ribbons from the Vallejo Aquatic Club swim meet held Sept. 15 and 16. The winners were as follows:

WENDY SIEFERT—1st in 25 free with a Vallejo Aquatic Club pool record of 19.9 seconds.

WENDY SIEFERT—8th in 25 yard breaststroke (completed in two groups).

REBECCA ASKEW—3rd in 25 yard freestyle, 1st in 100 yard Individual Medley with a new "A2 time," 7th in 25 yard backstroke, 5th in 25 yard butterfly.

NICK RUSSO—6th in 25 yard freestyle, 7th in 100 yard Individual Medley, 6th in 25 yard backstroke, 1st in 25 yard breaststroke, In A Division: 4th in 25 yard butterfly, 2nd in 50 yard freestyle.

MICHAEL SCHNEIDER—3rd in 100 yard backstroke.

LISA BELL—6th in 200 yard Individual Medley

KELLY McHUGH—6th in 50 yard backstroke.

POLLY SLISZ—In A Division: 5th in 200 yard freestyle, 2nd in 50 yard backstroke, 8th in 50 yard breaststroke, 3rd in 100 yard Individual Medley, 5th in 100 yard freestyle, 8th in 50 yard butterfly.

ROBIN WICKS—5th in 200 yard freestyle, 3rd in 50 yard backstroke, 3rd in 50 yard butterfly, In A Division: 2nd in 50 yard breaststroke, 3rd in 100 yard breaststroke, 8th in 100 yard Individual Medley.

MARK RUSSO—7th in 200 yard freestyle, 3rd in 50 yard backstroke, 3rd in 50 yard breaststroke, 2nd in 100 yard Individual Medley, 3rd in 50 yard butterfly.

DONNA HIBBS—7th in 100 yard freestyle, 4th in 200 yard butterfly, 5th in 100 yard butterfly, 5th in 50 yard freestyle.

BRIAN RUSSO—4th in 100 yard butterfly, 5th in 200 yard Individual Medley.

Basketball

Players ard coaches (male or female) are needed to form as many teams as possible for a basketball league this fall. NO tryouts and no experience needed. You will be taught to play. The first meeting will be held, Oct. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Post Gym, building 63. If you can't make it, call Pam, between 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at 731-9104, other times 465-3043, or the Presidio Sports Office, 561-5032/4120 so you can get on the list.

LAIR tops Sixth Army to lead league with perfect record

by Bob Gascon

Capitalizing on **John Davis'** 26 yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage, undefeated LAIR trounced Sixth Army 21 to 2, to gain sole possession of first place in the Presidio Intramural Flag Football League with three wins followed closely by USAG with a 2 and 0 record.

Jim Hatten's eight yard TD pass to **Lon Petersen** in the third period and 25 yard TD pass to **Ballaron,** accounted for LAIR's other touchdowns. Kicking specialist **Mike Davis** contributed to the scoring by splitting the uprights on all three points after for LAIR.

Sixth Army got on the scoreboard late in the third period when a clipping penalty was called against LAIR in the end zone resulting in a safety and two points.

Game Results

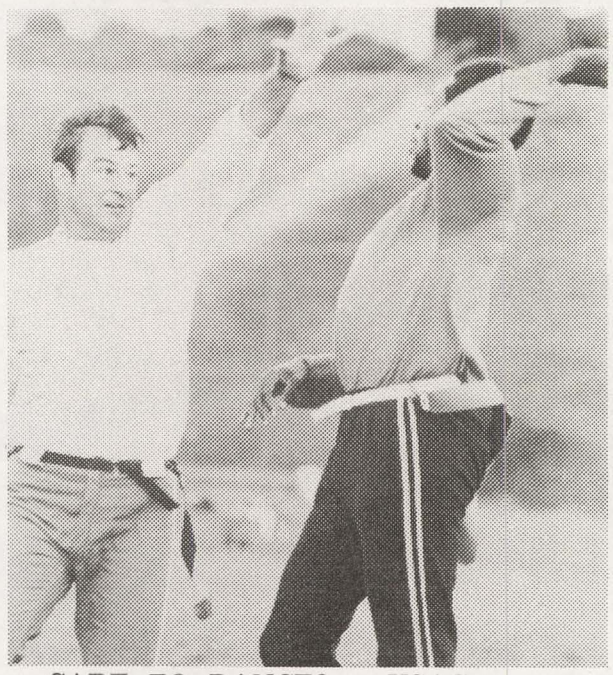
864th Engrs-6	Corp of Engrs-0
504th MP Bn-1	USAG No. 2-0
LAMC No. 2-19	HQS 6A-6
Corp of Engrs-6	666th RADAR-0

Team	Won	Lost
Lair	3	0
USAG No. 1	2	0
504th MP BN	1	0
Corp of Engrs	2	1
LAMC No. 1	1	1
LAMC No. 2	1	1
864th Engrs	1	1
USAG No. 2	0	2
HQS 6A	0	2
666th RADAR	0	3

Coming Games

Oct. 1			
LAIR	vs	LAMC No. 2	6:00 p.m.
666th RADAR	vs	USAG No. 2	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2			
USAG No. 1	vs	504th MP BN	6:00 p.m.
864th Engrs	vs	LAMC No. 1	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3			
Corp of Engrs	vs	USAG No. 2	6:00 p.m.
LAIR	vs	666th RADAR	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4			
6th Army	vs	LAMC No. 1	6:00 p.m.
USAG No. 1	vs	864th Engrs	7:30 p.m.

All games will be played on the PE Field located adjacent to the Post library.



CARE TO DANCE?... USAG quarterback Frank Jones, looks for his receivers as Glenn Dalton, Sixth Army attempts to block the pass. (Photo by Noli Manas)

PRESIDIO NEWS NOTES

Libya bound

1st Lt. Gary Winton is dribbling his way to Libya.

Winton is on the road to the Council of International Sports Militarire basketball trials in Vicenza, Italy and then on to the CISM championships in Benghizi, City, Libya.

Winton, assigned to the 6th Army Provost Marshal's office, recently participated in Spartacade '79 in the Soviet Union.

The CISM games are scheduled for Oct. 10-25.

Baker chapel open

Protestant worship services will commence are now being held at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday in the Ft. Baker Chapel, Bldg. T-519. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Red Cross news

The American Red Cross is in need of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and first aid instructors. Any Red Cross certified instructors or those interested in becoming instructors should call the Red Cross office at 561-1287 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Master's program

A Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management will be offered by Pepperdine University at Treasure Island Naval Support Activity.

The program requires the completion of 12 academic courses and is especially designed to meet the needs of fully employed adult persons. Each three unit course covers the period of one month combining assigned readings and projects with two extended weekend seminars. Students may enroll at any time and it is possible for studies to be completed in 15 months.

The degree program is open only to eligible active duty military personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. Military tuition assistance is available including VA reimbursement.

For further information contact Judy Lewis, Pepperdine University Coordinator at 391-3236.

Schedule of upcoming classes

*HRM 630, Budgeting & Finance, Oct. 12-Last Registration date

*HRM 668, Psychology of Social Behavior, Nov. 16-Last Registration Date

HRM 690, Funding Sources & Proposal Preparation, Dec. 21-Last Registration Date

*Required courses

Craft shop news

A beginners woodworking class will be conducted for five weeks beginning Oct. 5. The classes are held between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

A beginners photography class will begin Oct. 3 and run for four weeks and will include a field trip. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m.

A stained glass class will start Oct. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A small fee will be charge for all these classes.

A beginners oil paint class, is currently ongoing at not fee.

DYA classes

Dependent Youth Activities is offering a gymnastics class for youngsters ages four through 19. Lessons begin Oct. 8 at post gym No. 1. The classes will be conducted on Mondays or Fridays through Nov. 16, and cost is $12. Interested youths must register at the Morale Support Activities office in Building 122 between 8:00 a.m. and noon. For more information call DYA at 561-5143.

Rec Center

Belly Dancing classes will resume Oct. 4. It's not too late to join the class. Enrollment is limited to active duty soldiers and their dependents over age 19. Class begins at 7:00 p.m.

Guitar Classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 15. The classes will be for beginners and middle level players. Only active duty soldiers and their dependents age 19 or over may sign up.

The center rocks with live music every Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Pool lessons fill up Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30.

The Rec Center is open Monday through Friday from 5:00-11:00 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 2:00-11:00 p.m.

The Presidio Bicycle Club meets each Saturday at the Recreation Center beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Letterman wives'

The Letterman's Women's Club will host an art exhibition and auction at the Presidio Officers' Club on Oct. 12. The exhibition begins at 7:00 p.m. and bidding will start at 8:30. An original oil painting will be given as a door prize.

The club will hold their October luncheon on Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m. Helene Sobol will discuss Alaskan Art. Reservations must be made by noon, Oct. 9, by calling Yvette Martinka at 561-7246 or Caroline Robbins at 472-2049.

Anyone interested in joining the groups may call Barbara Blume at 561-2796 for more information.

Papal visit

Presidio families planning to visit Washington, D.C., during the visit of Pope John Paul II, Oct. 6-7, can obtain housing referral information from the National Capital USO. More than a million visitors are expected to attend the Pope's open air mass at the capital mall on Oct. 7.

In addition to information on hotel availability in the Washington, Maryland, and Virginia area, the USO will compile a list of local service families willing to offer overnight lodging for out-of-town military personnel.

If you are going to Washington for the Pope's visit, contact the USO as soon as possible if you wish assistance. More information is available from the National Capital USO; 1005 E. Street N.W.; Washington, D.C., 20004; telephone (202) 783-9363.

Divers go into Mountain Lake to clean-up

Six members of the Conquistadores del Mar Scuba Club volunteered their services to clean up Mountain Lake. The divers were assisted by the engineers and the fire department. (Photo by Don Terry)

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Soldier gets car for only $4

SSgt. Ted Elisee spent last week looking for a new car. On Sunday he found the bargain of a life time, a $5,000 1979 Chevy Chevette at the low-low price of $4.

Unfortunately for the rest of us, we won't be able to pick up such a bargain, because the $4 price tag was for a ticket to the San Francisco Giants—San Diego Padres baseball game and Elisee won the car, which was the grand prize of the Fan Appreciation Day activities.

Elisee, Public Office NCOIC, who went to the game with four other friends from the Presidio stated he had a good feeling that one of the five would win one of the many prizes being given away.

The former Star Presidian editor's feelings were confirmed when Giants' owner Bob Lurie called off "Section 20, lower reserve, row 10. . . " The five Presidio folks just looked at one another since they were the only occupants of row 10. When Lurie completed the drawing with ". . . Seat 12," Elisee screamed "It's me, it's me."

As he headed for the playing field, Elisee was stopped along the way by hundred of well-wishers offering congratulations or asking him to pass them some of his luck.

"All I can remember is hundreds of people shaking my hand and slapping me on the back. Then the next thing I knew I was sitting in the car thinking it was all a dream," stated Elisee.

Within an hour the Philadelphia native was presented the keys to his car and was on his way to his home in Novato, where his wife Annemarie was still unaware of what had happened. In fact, Elisee had to go to a neighbor's house to show her their new car.

"This is the third time this week he's been to a ball game," stated a stunned but jubilant Mrs. Elisee. "I was really upset that he was going, but I won't say anything any more."

The car which came equipped with an AM radio and automatic transmission and a full year's warranty will be used primarily by Mrs. Elisee to take her daughter to school and for transportation to her part-time nursing job.

The conservation-minded Elisee will continue to car pool his way to the Presidio.

As for next year, Elisee said, "If I'm here, you can bet I'll be there for Fan Appreciation Day, 1980."

Earlier this year Elisee won $175 on channel 44's Money Movie.

Winner. . .SSgt. Ted Elisee and his new Chevette.

Evaluation reports end for E-4s

Soldiers in pay grades E-4 will no longer be receiving an Enlisted Evaluation Report (EER) according to Capt. William T.Babylon, chief of COMPACT.

The Army did away with the EER requirement on Oct. 1 for soldiers in that pay grade, explained Babylon.

E-4s with an end month of September 1979, or earlier will be completed and forwarded to the U. S. Army Enlisted Records Evaluation Center as usual, states Babylon.

"If a soldier has *not been previously evaluated,* an initial evaluation report will be prepared three months after promotion to E-5," states Babylon. "A single report form, the Senior Enlisted Evaluation Report (DA FORM 2166-5A), will be used for soldiers in grades E-5 through E-9."

E-4 and E-5 EERs for report periods with an end month of September 1979, or earlier will be completed using DA Form 2166-5, the Enlisted Evaluation Report, but will not be used for any report with an end month after September.

Babylon points out that the latest available Enlisted Evaluation Report Weighted Average (EERWA) will be used for a soldier competing for promotion to E-5 until the March 1980 promotion point recomputation period begins.

Starting March 1, 1980, company commanders will award points from 0 to 150 to any individual recommended for promotion to E-5, including those already on the standing list. The E-4 EERWA will no longer be used after that time.

According to Babylon, March 1980 was chosen as the start date for commander's input because of the recomputation period so that all soldiers on an E-5 promotion list will have their points awarded using the same method. During the interim, soldiers who have no EERWA will continue to use the latest available average for soldiers in grade E-4.

However, Babylon added, most soldiers recommended for promotion during this period will have an EER because they must have at least four months time-in-grade, with the maximum waiver, to compete for promotion.

Babylon explained that all E-4s on a standing list for promotion to E-5 will be competing on the basis of their commander's promotion points rather than the EERWA. These points will be used by DA in determining the June 1980 promotion point cut-off scores.

In another change, the Enlisted Evaluation Data Report (USAREC Form 10A) will not be prepared for soldiers in grade E-4. The form will be issued for those E-4 EERs/SQTs with an end month of Sept. 1979 or earlier. Soldiers in grades E-5 through E-9 will continue to receive the data report with EER and SQT data as usual concluded Babylon.

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Will there be a pay day?

"We are proceeding with our manual payroll preparation" according to George Morrison, Presidio Comptroller.

Since Congress took a week long recess at the end of the fiscal year without passing the federal budget, financial matters throughout the federal government are in a state of limbo with limited authority to disburse money at this time. "As far as we know, we can anticipate Congressional action on the budget as soon as they reconvene next Tuesday," Morrison said.

For the second year in a row, the Congress has failed to act on the proposed budget prior to the start of the fiscal year. As a result, the majority of bills that must be paid must be held back pending Congressional approval of the military appropriation.

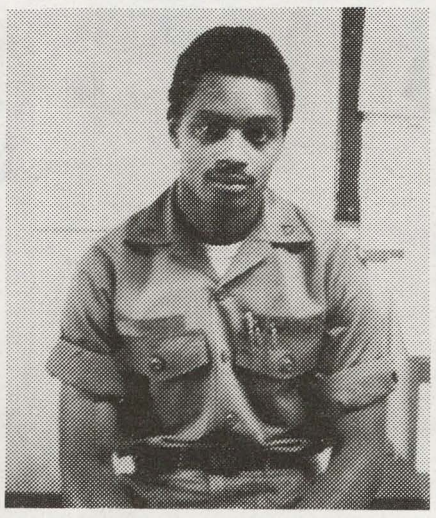
"There is no reason for soldiers or federal employees to be overly concerned about the absence of a federal pay day at the end of next week," continued Morrison. "We are processing the pay checks in the normal manner; all we need is a message from Department of the Army authorizing disbursement. That should come no later than Wednesday, which will allow us to meet our normal pay deadline."

Although the same situation existed last year at this time, there are significant differences in 1979. Authorization has been received allowing some payments, such as those, to soldiers and civilians who are in a permanent change of station status, separating personnel and payments required to support emergencies involving death and related personal hardships.

"It's really much too early to be concerned about pay day. We are fully confident that everything will be as usual next payday," Morrison emphasized.

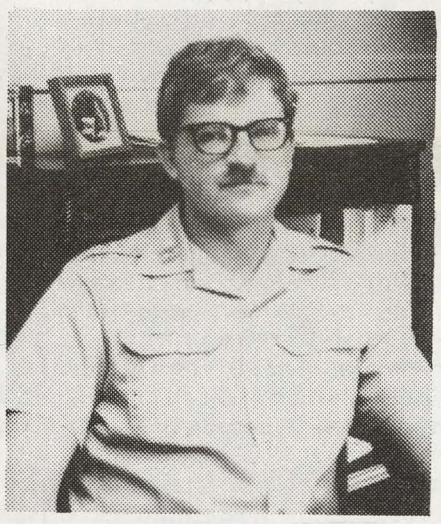
Ramblin' Sam

What are you doing to further your education?



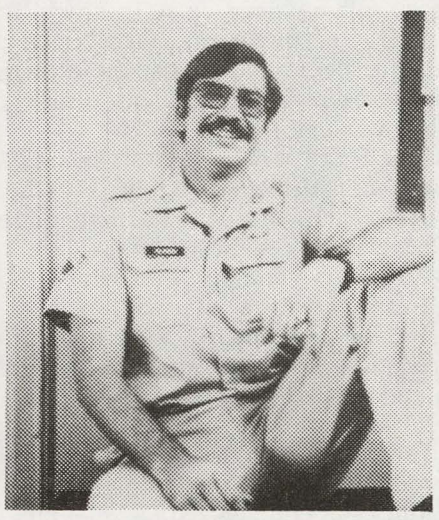
PFC Carlos Corbitt, USAG Unit Supply---"I have enrolled in correspondence courses to reach my goal to be a Supply Sergeant. I have just completed the Small Arms Course and plan on taking the Customer Assistance and Supply Sergeant Courses."

Cheryl Pierre, Civilian Personnel Office--- "I'm taking a chemistry course to expand my knowledge of the sciences. I'm also taking a sign language class and working with the deaf to be able to better communicate. I have a BA degree and am trying to expand my education to obtain my Masters.



Capt. George M. Kripner, Staff Judge Advocate--- "I'm taking the Continuing Legal Education Course to enhance my specialities in Law. I also enjoy reading a variety of books as a form of continuing my education."

PFC Peggy Hall, Post Locator--- "I have enrolled in a corresondence course to work for a postal unit. My future goal is to take secretarial courses."



SSgt Edward J. Olivier, Sixth Army Reservist---"I'm taking correspondence courses for an ammunitions inspector and plan to attend DARCOM's ammunitions course in the near future. I also plan on taking video tape courses on biology and chemistry for my Bachelors of Science Degree."

CO's Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles from the Post Commander, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., which will discuss various items of concern to the Presidio community.

During the coming week, our nation will recognize handicapped Americans by observing "National Employ the Handicapped Week." This week has been set aside by Presidential direction so that employees and supervisors will be reminded of the contributions which handicapped persons have made to our nation.

Throughout the Presidio, I find so-called handicapped persons who are valuable members of our team. In some cases, they even turn a physical handicap into a positive advantage on the job. The skill and dedication of these persons are really impressive.

"Recognizing the employment needs of the handicapped once a year is not enough. All of us need to be continually aware of the needs of our handicapped employees. With thes eneeds in mind, the Presidio has upgraded some of its facilities with ramps and other structures to create ease of access. In the same vein of awareness, supervisors continue to insure that the handicapped are given the same chances for promotion, advancement and training as are other members of the Presidio work force.

By making common-sense use of the talents and skills of our handicapped employees and by making their contributions known, we can help others realize the valuable contribution which is made by employed handicapped Americans.

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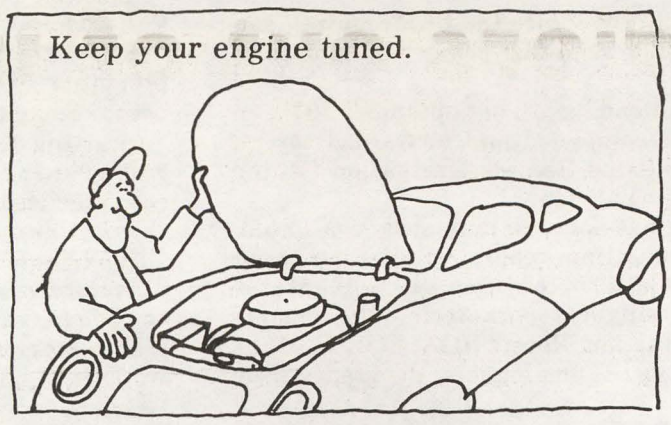

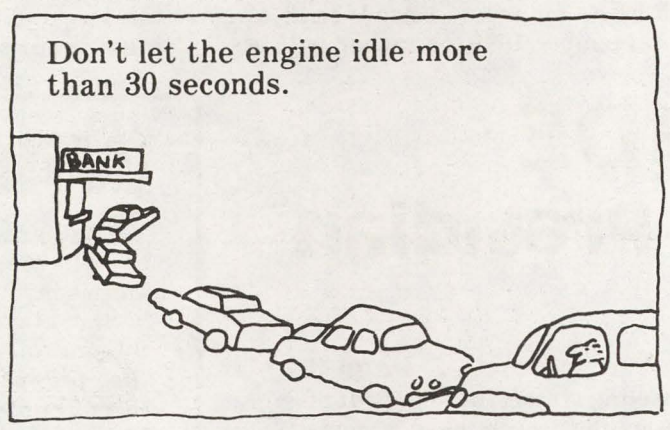

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Too short to go overseas?

"I'm too short to go overseas on *that levy*. No, sweat, all I have to do is sign a counseling statement and stay here." But is it that simple?

An increasing number of career soldiers are taking this easy way out, but finding later to their chargin that there are stiff penalties involved.

To be eligible for an overseas assignment, a soldier must have at least 12 months remaining in service upon arrival overseas, explained 2nd Lt. Robert Cannon, assistant chief of personnel management at COMPACT.

A career soldier may extend or reenlist to meet this minimum length-of-service requirement or may sign a counseling statement and subsequently be deleted from orders, Cannon added.

"In some cases," Cannon stated, "soldiers are not fully aware of the consequences of signing a counseling statement, which is a self-imposed bar to reenlistment," Cannon points out.

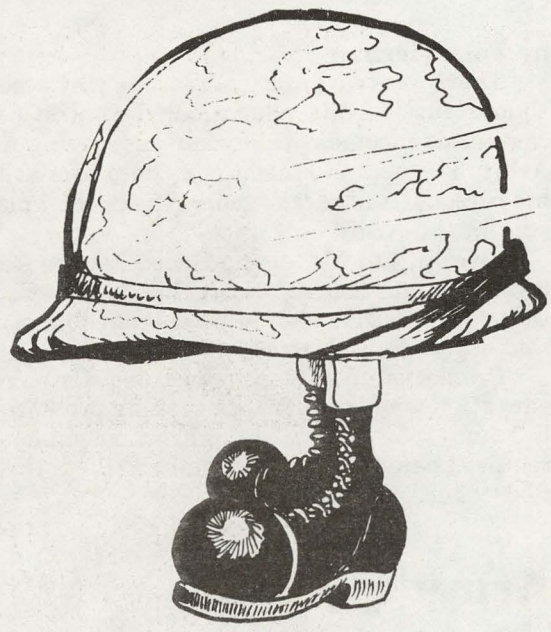
The affects the counseling statement has upon the soldier are many, according to Cannon.

"First off, the statement places the soldier in a nonpromotable status," explained Cannon. "Then he is prohibited from reenlisting for at least 93 days following separation and then he needs a DA approved waiver to get back in. Even if the waiver is approved he'll lose at least two grades from what he held when he was discharged."

A soldier may request to withdraw the counseling statement prior to ETS but must get approval from MILPERCEN if he is stationed in CONUS or if serving overseas, he needs the OK from the major overseas commander.

The counseling statement has now become the responsibility of the unit commander, but soldiers will also be counseled by a COMPACT official to verify and record the soldier's intentions.

"Soldiers should think carefully about the consequences of signing the counseling statement before they do it," states Cannon.



Retirees can direct deposit pay

Nearly half of the retired pay accounts at the U. S. Army Finance and Accounting Center (USAFAC), Ft. Benjamin Harrison Ind., are now being handled through the Federal Government's direct deposit program, according to a USAFAC official.

Army retired pay was added to the program last June and, after three months, 42 percent of the nearly 452,000 accounts are part of the program. Finance officials estimate the usage figure will reach the 70 percent mark within the next two years.

Under the program, the retirees can have their pay deposited directly into their personal checking or savings accounts on the date of payment, according to the officials. In addition to the convenience offered by the new program, it eliminated the problem several retirees are still experiencing in the check-to-address program. The Army receives approximately 250 letters each month requesting stop payment on checks which have been lost or stolen, thereby delaying receipt of their money for up to six or eight weeks.

To enroll in the new program, the official explained that retirees should contact their commercial financial organization to complete an authorization form, which can be obtained at any financial organization, such as a bank, savings and loan association, or federal or state-chartered credit union. The official emphasized that USAFAC does not distribute the blank forms.

Payments can be credited to the financial organization for the retiree's choice anywhere in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, or Virgin Islands.

The direct deposit program handles more than 2 million federal payments a month, according to the official. Besides Army retired pay, other payments include regular social security, supplemental security income, civil service annuity, railroad retirement, VA compensation and pension, federal salary, Air Force active duty and retired pay, and Navy retired pay.

Soldiers out of uniform in trouble

Presidio soldiers may find themselves out of uniform and in trouble if they aren't careful when donning their uniforms.

A recent DA news release, stated that confusion over wear of the many new clothing items added to the soldier's wardrobe has contributed to an Army wide rise in the number of uniform wear policy violations.

Commanders and supervisors have been advised to take the necessary action to correct any policy violations.

According to 1st Lt. Laurianne Dubia, chief of personnel management at COMPACT, common violations among female soldiers included:

Women wearing white blouses as outer garments with the Army green skirt;

Wearing the Army green sweater as an outer garment with uniforms other than the cord, hospital duty and food service uniforms;

Wearing earrings while in uniform;

Wearing the Army green pantsuit tunic as an outer garment with the Army green skirt and pantsuit slacks;

Carrying commercially designed and purchased handbags while in uniform.

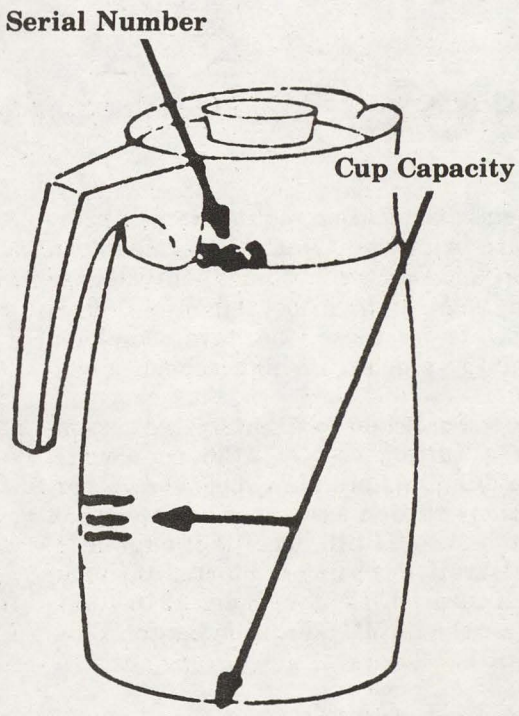
Male soldiers who wear the Army's gray-green service shirt should remember that the **insignia of rank will always be worn** on the shirt whether it is worn **with or without the Army green jacket.**

Windbreakers and raincoats may be worn with either shirt. The overcoat, however, will not be worn when the shirt is worn as an outer garment.

Male soldiers are also reminded that the Army green sweater may only be worn indoors or under the Army green jacket. The **sweater may be worn with the green-gray shirt only with the tie.**

DA officials also remind soldiers of other uniform changes. All **female soldiers must** now **have** at least one fur felt **black beret** and the Army green garrison cap and tan shirts with black tabs are no longer authorized for wear.

The Army green cord cap will not be authorized after Sept. 30, 1981.



Corning pots may be too hot to handle

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has been informed by the Corning Glass Works and the Consumer Product Safety Commission that some of the 8.5 million percolators produced by the company between 1960 and last year may be unsafe to use.

Corning says that the metal band holding the handle onto the white glass-ceramic pots may come loose without warning, posing the danger of scalding.

All Corningware percolators, both electric and non-electric can be dangerous according to the manufacturer. Cornings tea pots or Pyrex coffee pots are not affected because the handles are attached differently.

According to Ms. Sondra Bourne, post exchange manager, these coffee pots should not be returned to the PX. Instead she urges customers who have the coffee pots to take advantage of Corning's offer to have the pots returned directly to them.

More information can be obtained by writing to:
Corning Glass Works
P. O. Box 5750
Corning, New York 14830

Be sure to include your name, address and zip code, the serial numbers on the percolator's metal band and the model number and/or the cup capacity shown on the side or bottom of the pot.

Education's a key to success

by Tom Tiernan

"There are two practical reasons why a person should further his education. The first is for career advancement if he plans on staying in the Army. The second reason is to help him achieve his personal and career goals if he doesn't plan to stay in the Army."

According to Ms. Jeane Redsecker, education counselor at the Ft. Scott Education Center, these two reasons should be enough to motivate soldiers to go back to school.

"Promotion points are awarded for civilian education when soldiers are seeking promotion to E-5 and E-6. In fact, a high school diploma is required before an E-5 can make E-6," points out Redsecker.

Army's goals

The Army has set certain educational goals for all levels of soldiers, according to Redsecker.

Enlisted soldiers have been given the goal of earning a high school diploma or state issued equivalency by the end of their first enlistment and do one of the following:

Have occupational skills certified which are learned through Army training and experience by taking part in an Army skill recognition program. Or acquire an occupational skill through the skill development program.

Warrant officers are challenged to complete an associate degree or two school years of undergraduate study by their 15th year of service. The study must be in a career field related to the soldier's specialty.

The Army would like those few commissioned offices who don't have undergraduate degrees to get them and then for all commissioned officers to get a graduate degree. The Master's program may be in a discipline determined by the Army Education Requirement Board.

Soldiers can further aid their promotion potential by taking Army correspondence courses which also earn valuable points on the promotion worksheet. These courses are arranged through the education center.

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) also helps soldiers obtain promotion points and to earn credit toward their degrees, explains Redsecker.

"They're not easy tests, but they are faster than going to class and getting the same amount of credit. These tests are available on post for active duty soldiers only, but dependents and other civilians can make an appointment to take the tests at one of the local colleges," points out Redsecker.

The MOS Library is also available to help soldiers prepare for their Skill Qualification Test (SQT), another improved step toward promotion.

The Education Center also has information available on the Army's apprenticeship program which can help soldiers staying in or getting out of the Army.

Counseling

Counselors are available at the Ft. Scott center and at the Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC) sub center on a walk-in or appointment basis says Redsecker.

"The counselors are here to discuss career interests, aptitude, education or vocational goals or to establish these goals and then to find an education program or training to pursue the individual's desires," explained Redsecker.

"Of course college isn't the golden answer for everyone" says Redsecker. "We take a look at what's available and what's best for the student."

"Many young people come into the Army with the idea that they will know what they'll want to do when they get out. If they don't take steps to explore the possibilities, they won't know anymore than when they enlisted. Oh, they may know that they don't want to be what ever MOS they're holding, but that's all," she continued.

Every soldier

"There are some college courses or credit that can be obtained by every soldier on this post," states Redsecker. "Regardless of his duty hours, marital status or financial situation, if he's motivated we'll find a way to help him."

College degrees can be achieved in a number of ways according to Redsecker.

San Francisco State University offers a variety of undergraduate courses at the Ft. Scott Education Center each term. "These courses are planned with Presidio personel in mind," states Redsecker. "They are designed for those students who won't be at the Presidio long enough to complete a degree, but to allow the student to use the classes in any college program elsewhere."

For students whose programs call for more upper level courses there are several campuses near the Presidio and Hamilton Air Force Base which offer a wide variety of undergraduate programs. Included are **Golden Gate University, San Francisco State,** the **University of San Francisco, City College of San Francisco, College of Marin, and Indian Valley College.**

Masters Degree

Graduate students can complete their degree programs in public administration and business administration with **Golden Gate University,** which offers a graduate course in public administration on post each term.

A Masters of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in health care administration may be obtained from the **University of Northern Colorado** which offers classes at Treasure Island. The school's representative Susan Bier, visits the LAMC sub-center on

Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

Pepperdine University offers a Masters of Arts degree in Human Resources Management at Treasure Island. Judy Lewis, the school representative can be contacted at the Ft. Scott center on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

Irregular hours

Some soldiers may have difficulty attending regular classes due to irregular duty hours. For these students, Redsecker has some solutions.

The Azusa Pacific College's universal program allows students to earn an Associate of Arts degree during their free time. The program uses video tape classes, some written assignments, and mid-term and final exams.

For those with education beyond the associate's level the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Supprot (DANTES) offers hundreds of courses from accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States. The independent format makes it possible for every soldier to pursue college work while on active duty.

The New York Regents External Degree program offers soldiers another alternative. This

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On post college courses set

If you arrived at the Presidio too late for the fall term at local colleges, or you just didn't get it together to sign up for a course, this is your chance.

Beginning Oct. 22, San Francisco State University will conduct four evening courses at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216. Each class meets twice a week from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and ends on Dec. 14, in time for your holiday activities or leave.

Never taken a college course before? Try your mind with **History of the United States to 1865** (Hist 120) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Every student can use this as a social science requirement, and it meets a state requirement for graduation from college in California.

Interested in business? **Introduction to Economic Analysis I** (Econ 100) also on Tuesday and Thursday, is a requirement for business majors and can be used as a social science requirement for any student. Perhaps you can figure out how to slow down inflation!

Do you have a family or plan to have one? Study **Psychology of the Family** (Psy. 441) on Tuesday and Thursdays. This course is an upper-division (junior level) psychology course, but there are no prerequisites.

Need algebra as a foundation for higher math, science, engineering? Perhaps you need just one math course or want to apply it to general education requierments. **Intermediate Algebra** (Math 104) meets on Monday and Wednesday and is equivalent to second year high school algebra and is appropriate for those who have completed elementary algebra in high school or college.

Courses are open to all interested personnel at a tuition cost of $126 per course. Active duty soldiers may apply for 75 percent Army tuition assistance no later than Oct. 16 or use GI Bill benefits if eligible.

Registration is being conducted at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, (561-2974); or the LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007 (561-3693).

Overcoming the handicapped barrier

President Carter has proclaimed Oct. 7-13 as National Employ the Handicapped Week. To national attention to the needs of handicapped Americans.

The government begun a stepped up effort to help handicapped Americans receive fair employment treatment in all segments of American society as well as in the federal government.

In July 1977, the president issued the following statement to members of the government, "I intend that the government should set an example for fair employment practices by demonstrating what can be done to make the fullest possible use of the abilities of qualified people."

The Presidio has answered the President's call and employs many handicapped persons in offices around post.

According to Ms. Pat Capone, of the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office, the post is involved in a selective placement program which is concerned with the hiring, placement and advancement of handicapped individuals in federal service and to retain those employees who become disabled for the positions they hold but who may qualify for other positions or with rehabilitation may be able to continue in their odd jobs.

"The purpose of this program," states Capone, is to focus on what handicapped individuals can do, and not on what they can't do."

"The federal government employs handicapped individuals in positions for which they are qualified. There are no restrictions on the types of jobs that are open or the types of disabilities that are acceptable," explained Capone.

In his proclamation, the president called upon citizens at all levels of responsibility to help remove the barriers which prevent handicapped individuals from obtaining productive employment and from participating fully in other aspects of American life.

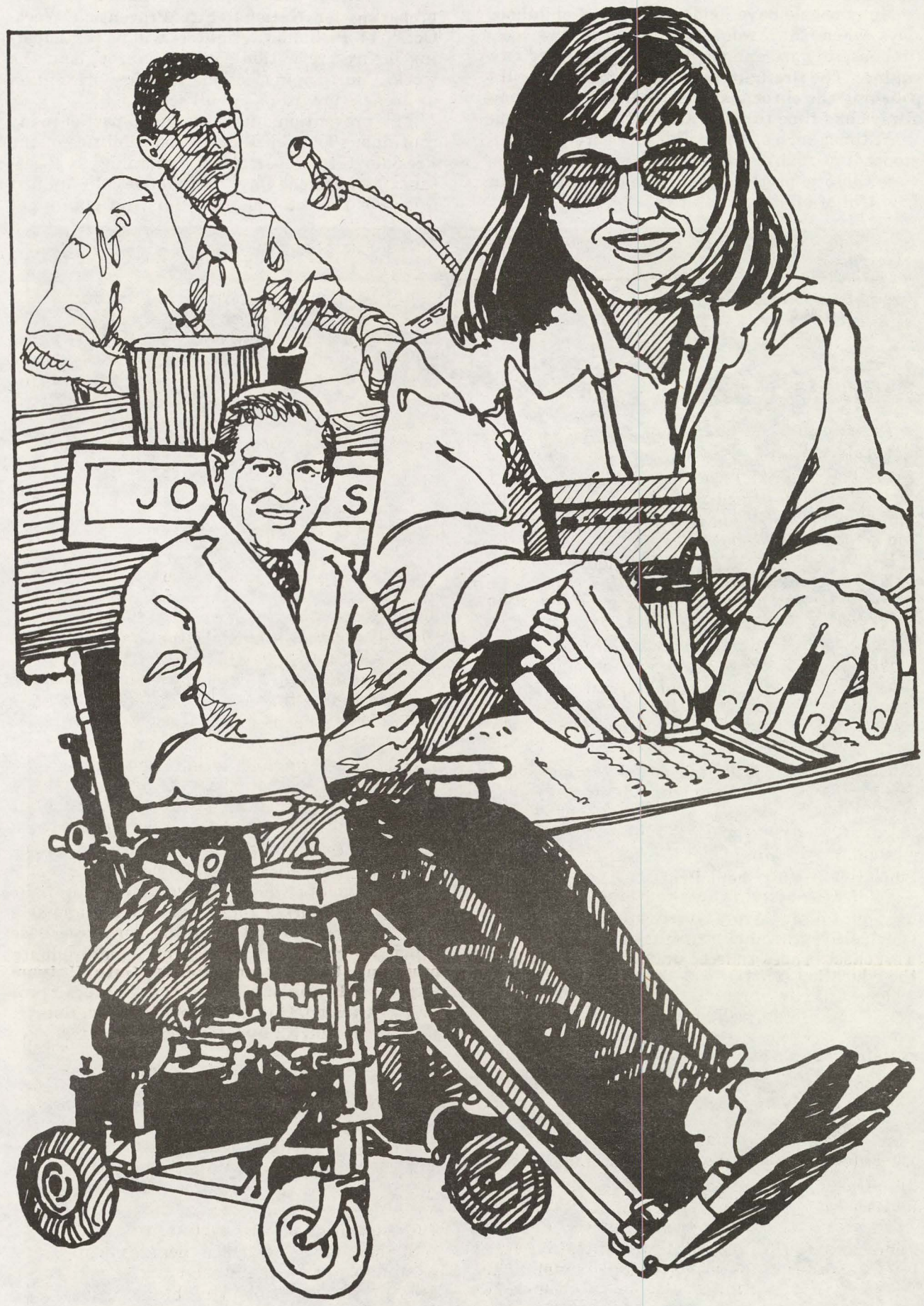
"As handicapped individuals move into the mainstream of society, more and more of their fellow citizens are overcoming their prejudices and seeing handicapped individuals as people.

"Yet much remains to be done. Many qualified handicapped people, including many disabled veterans, are unemployed or underemployed, and others are not promoted because of discriminatory attitudes rather than an inability to perform.

"Many buildings still have thoughtless architectural barriers that prevent handicapped persons from getting jobs and education. Public transportation is still not available to all handicapped individuals.

"This country needs the creativity, skill and participation of all our citizens," the President concluded.

Next Week: A look at PSF's handicapped employees.



Education

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program grants Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. The requirements for these degrees may be met through credit by examination, credit for MOS or service school courses, as well as courses taken from other accredited schools.

The education counselors can help students put together the program that is best designed for them.

Finances

"But how do I pay for all this college is a question some students may be asking.

The education center has information on federal education aid programs including Veteran Administration loans.

Active duty personnel may take advantage of the **Army's tuition assistance** program which pays 75 percent of tuition and fees while the student picks up the rest.

Soldiers who signed their enlistment contracts prior to January 1, 1977, may take advantage of their **GI Bill** benefits which covers 100 percent of the tuition and fees, as long as they do not exceed $311 per month for a full time student. However, most schools require the tuition be paid in full when the course begins. Therefore, VA simply reimburses the soldier for the cost.

Redsecker points out however, that some colleges have plans to help pay off the tuition in three installments.

Soldiers who signed their enlistment contracts after January 1, 1977, can start saving money for their education through the **Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).** This program allows soldiers to place between $50 and $75 in an educational fund and the government contributes $2 for each of the soldier's dollars.

Redsecker cited the following example, "A soldier starts an allotment for $50 a month for one year. At the end of his first investment he enrolls in an accredited college and begins to receive the money he put into the program each month plus the government's contribution for a total of $150 per month."

Redsecker cautions soldiers to be aware of their financial situation before deciding how much money to contribute to the fund. Once that's known, then all that has to be done is to start an Ed Sav allotment with the finance office.

Adult Education

"Of course not all of our programs are designed to lead to college degrees," states Redsecker.

Adult education classes offer courses in basic education skills designed for those students who need to raise their reading, vocabulary, spelling, and math scores to meet Army standards or to obtain a high school diploma or state GED certificate.

Other adult education programs include reading improvement, English as a Second Language, beginning and intermediate typing, beginning and intermediate shorthand, business english, military correspondence, GT score improvement classes, and German and Korean headstart.

Our programs are designed to meet the needs of the Presidio community. All the individual needs is the desire and motivation to further his education and we'll help with the rest," concluded Redsecker.

Stop fires before they start

by Bob Mahoney

Many people have fond memories of childhood days when they would go down to the local firehouse to gaze and gawk at the shiny red fire engines. The firefighters spent hours upon hours polishing the chrome and brass fittings but they always had time to smile and to talk to children.

At times such as those, the kids rarely, if ever, stopped to realize that these friendly firemen were there to protect them from one of the most frightful of all disasters—fire.

Firefighters throughout the nation are now preparing for National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14. Presidio firefighters will be participating in fire prevention activities throughout the week. Courtesy inspections and fire prevention awareness programs are all scheduled.

Fire prevention duties are just a part of many continuous and repetitive responsibilities of the Presidio Fire Department. According to Assistant Chief Eugene Day, "Actual fire calls are just a part of the total picture. Our firefighters get involved in everything from automobile extrications to checking gas leaks. We provide crash assistance at Hamilton Air Force Base, make cliff rescues and act as medical standbys."

FIRE. . .Even Presidio's beauty has been touched by this deadly hazard.

Day, who admits to a few close calls while actually fighting fires, readily recognizes the danger that firefighters constantly face. He says, "In the recorded history of fighting fires at the Presidio, at least 15 people have lost their lives, including two Presidio firefighters killed while battling blazes."

Included in these 15 are the wife and three children of General "Black Jack" Pershing who were killed in 1915 while the General was involved in the Mexican border skirmishes with Pancho Villa.

In memory of those who have died in fires at the Presidio, the installation will conduct services on Oct. 7 as part of the Presidentially proclaimed Firefighters Memorial Sunday (see related story, this page).

The 40 member Presidio Fire Department made over 1000 calls of all types during Fiscal Year 1979, which ended Sunday. This figure does not include routine inspections but does include numerous medically related calls. Medical calls are becoming routine with the department which has five Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) among its personnel. Each firefighter at the Presidio's two fire stations (one on main post with an auxiliary station at Fort Cronkhite) works a 72 hour week, rotating on cycles of 24 hours on duty followed by 24 hours off. Inspectors and chiefs work a 56 hour week.

This dedicated force is responsible not only for fighting fires on the installation and Fort Baker, but also for assistance to Marin County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at Forts Barry and Cronkhite.

Fire prevention activities and responsibilities extend to the Letterman Army Medical Center complex and even includes all Army Reserve Centers in northern California as well as those in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Inspections do not prevent fires," according to Day. "What inspections do is determine the potential for a fire. We correct the hazard so that the potential for that fire is reduced considerably."

Chief of the Department, William Williams echoes Day's concern for fire prevention knowledge. Williams points out that "fire prevention succeeds only if people are aware at all times. What we are doing during fire Prevention Week is to try to make everybody aware of their own responsibilities for fire protection."

During this awareness campaign, firefighters from the Presidio Fire Department will be distributing literature throughout the post, to young and old alike. They will talk to everyone who will listen about fire prevention and how it protects them.

The image of our childhood firehouse friends really has not changed. They are still the dedicated men who have time to talk with kids about their shiny fire equipment. They were proud of their jobs then. . . and they are prouder still.

Service to honor Presidio fire victims

In the early hours of August 28, 1915, the wife and three young daughters of Brigadier General John J. Pershing lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the Pershing residence at the Presidio.

This, the most famous of all Presidio fires resulted in death to four people, with injuries and shock to six others. These four deaths are part of a list of 15 recorded fire deaths at this installation.

In another fire, just a little more than two years earlier, on April 29, 1913, the family of Sergeant (First Class) George H. Schall was virtually wiped out with the deaths of Mrs. Schall and her three children.

In the past 20 years, two firefighters of the Presidio Fire Department have also fallen victim to blazes on the installation. Fire Captain Tim Regan in the late 1950s and Firefighter Harry Hermann in the early 1960s were both killed in the line of duty while protecting lives and property.

The memory of these fire victims will be honored on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. with a service marking Firefighters Memorial Sunday. Appropriately enough, the brief memorial service will be conducted at Pershing Square, the site of the Pershing residence that burned with fatal results that August morning.

The public is invited to attend the Pershing Square services to share the memory and to pay honor to those who have lost their lives in fires at the Presidio. By so doing, perhaps many will be more careful in the future and help to eliminate the need for such services through effective fire prevention measures.

The Presidio Fire Department has also announced the following schedule for visits by Smokey the Bear in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week:

OCT. 9

9:30 a.m.	Presidio Kindergarten
9:45 a.m.	Presidio Nursery
10:00 a.m.	Presidio Pre-School
1:30 p.m.	Children's Ward LAMC
2:30 p.m.	Family Housing 1300 through 1700 area

OCT. 11

2:30 p.m.	Family Housing 500 through 1200 area
3:30 p.m.	Main Post Exchange

Smokey will be distributing fire prevention literature at all his stops.

Off Post: A look at Bay Area events

by Mariette Fillman

Outdoor celebrations share the billing with Christopher Columbus on this long, holiday weekend.

Saturday

Music and dance are the featured attractions of the **Western Regional Folk Festival** at the Fort Barry parade ground today through Monday, with continuous free entertainment from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day. The festival locale on the Marin side of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is just west of the Army housing area.

Columbus lands on the West Coast and discovers the New World in San Francisco's annual re-enactment of the explorer's fete. Gather at noon at Aquatic Park (foot of Polk Street) to witness the spectacle, complete with flamenco dancers.

Savor the fruit of the vine at the **80th Annual Grape Festival** at San Rafael's Marin Center fairgrounds. Wine, food, gifts, and grapes in their natural state will be on sale all day. Free admission and parking.

Wine also has center stage at the **Harvest Fair** at Santa Rosa's county fairgrounds. Thirty Sonoma County vintners will feature their wares, alongside autumn farm produce, in exhibits and cooking demonstrations. Admission is $1 for adults, 50¢ for chldren. The fair continues on Sunday during the same hours, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday

Jugglers, clowns, and acrobats star in the **Pickle Family Circus,** offering free performances in Golden Gate Park's Sharon Meadow at noon and 3:00 p.m. today and Monday.

The **Columbus Day Parade** winds its way down the streets of the City at 1:00 p.m. Some 200 units will assemble at Third and Mission Streets and head west on Third, north on Kearny, northwest on Columbus, north on Stockton, and west on Filbert, passing the official reviewing stand in front of the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, ending on Powell Street at North Beach Playground.

Ticket sales

Great America closes its season on Oct. 14. The recreation center has special discount tickets on sale for the final weekend.

Tickets for only two **San Francisco 49ers'** games are still available at the center. The games are the Oct. 21 battle with the **Atlanta Falcons** and the Nov. 18 contest against the **Denver Broncos.**

Discount tickets for the **Grand National Livestock** and **Rodeo** at the Cow Palace on Oct. 26 and 27.

Reno Hospitality Books are still available at the center.

For more information call the Rec Center at 561-2000 or stop by the Log Cabin any day after 4:00 p.m.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Soccer

The 51st Engineers, newly crowned champions for the Presidio Intramural Soccer League, are the odds on favorite to capture the Post Soccer Championship currently underway. Led by **Karl Palmer,** who is averaging two goals per game and coach **Richardo Pacheco,** an experienced player and proficient passer the Engineers are undefeated at this point.

Runner up LAIR, with **Roko Smiljinic** and **Stephen Rasche** should provide the spark necessary to upset the 51st.

The 504th MP Bn Battalion, a team with a lot of youth and enthusiasm, looms as the dark horse of the tournament.

A four team double elimination tournament is being conducted with the finals scheduled tonight at 5:00 p.m. at the Ft. Scott Field.

Flag football

Sparked by the throwing arm of **Jim Hatten,** LAIR continues to conquer its opponents to

LAIR's latest victim was LAMC No. 2. LAIR got on the score board first on a 22 yard TD pass work, firing a 49 yard TD pass to **Davis** to open up the second half. LAIR's final score came on a half back option pass from **Davis** to **Petersen** from 18 yards out to increase LAIR's lead to 28 to 7. LAIR's kicking specialist **Mike Davis** hit 100 per cent of the point after attempts.

A 49 yard TD pass from **Slayton** to **Steinruch** with 15 seconds left in the half narrowed LAIR's lead to 14 to 7.

After the intermission, **Hatten** went back to work, firing a 49 yard TD pass to **Davis** open up the second half. LAIR's finalscore came on a falf bakc option pass from **Davis** to **Petersen** from 18 yards out to increase LAIR's lead to 28 to 7. LAIR's kicing specialist **Mike Davis** hit 100 per cent of the point after attempts.

With less than 19 second remaining in the game, quarterback Slayton fired a 39 yard scoring bomb to Sieford for LAMC's second score. LAMC's, kicking ace O'Brien was two for two on the evening.

The "Wild Bunch" from USAG continues to dominate the Presidio Flag Football league going into the fifth week of the season.

The USAG defensive unit led by **Mumprey Moffett, Rick Hereida, Mel Blount Allen, Pat Patterson, Rob Cannon, Bobby Washington,** and **D.J. Singleton** has given up only seven points in four games. The "Wild Bunch" racked up its second and third shut outs of the season by topping pre-season favorite LAMC No. 1 and previously the undefeated 504th MP Battalion.

The USAG offensive unit continues to eat up yardage and points having scored 107 points, more than any other team. Led by quarterback Frank Jones, the "Wild Bunch" scored 56 points in their victory over the 504th.

COMING GAMES

Oct. 9			
504th MP Bn	vs	666th RADAR	6:00 p.m.
LAMC No. 2	vs	LAMC No. 1	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10			
Hq 6th Army	vs	USAG No. 2	6:00 p.m.
Corps of Engrs.	vs	504th MP Bn	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11			
LAIR	vs	USAG No. 1	6:00 p.m.
864th Engrs	vs	Hqs 6th Army	7:30 p.m.

All games are played on the field adjacent to the Library.

Scout fitness champs

As part of the celebration of the Scouts' 50th Anniversary, Presidio Pack 77 conducted its annual physical fitness championships on Sept. 29.

The Cub Scout Pentathalon consists of total pushups and situps in one minute, long jump, softball throw for distance, and a timed fifty-yard dash.

The winners' names are submitted for the San Francisco Bay Area invitational regional championships to be held at Oct. 13 at the Boy Scout Center in Oakland.

10 YEAR-OLD	
1st Damon Rich	542 PTS
2nd Robert Agee	409 PTS
3rd Scott Kim	382 PTS
9 YEARS-OLD	
1st Kevin Blake	372 PTS
2nd Kevin Gross	356 PTS
3rd Randy Kim	328 PTS
8 YEARS-OLD	
1st Blake Svendsen	410 PTS
2nd Ernie Boatner	385 PTS
3rd Marco Saenz	376 PTS

CPO golf tourney

The Fifth Annual PSF Civilian Employees Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 12 with tee off time at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament entry fee is $15 and includes green fee and prize money. Presidio Golf Course members pay only $7. Golf carts will be available at additional cost and should be reserved ahead of starting time.

Tournament prizes will be awarded for low medal, closest to the hole, and for the first place score under the Calloway System. A complimentary golf ball will be given to each entrant.

Interested persons must sign up Oct. 11.

For further inforamtion and registration, please call Mac Roberts, John Sergeant, or Art Akina at 561-2255.

Golf tourney to help raise funds

The 1979 Combined Federal Campaign will benefit from the proceeds of the first CFC Golf Tournament to be conducted at the Presidio Golf Course Nov. 2, according to Col. Dick Blake, Presidio CFC coordinator.

"The entire $15.00 entry fee will go to the CFC due to the generosity of the golf club. They have waived all greens fees," according to Blake. This opens up the tournament for both members and non-members of the club.

The tournament, to be played under the Calloway system, will feature an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and will award prizes in both the low net and low gross score categories. The first four finishers in the low net classification will receive gift certificates valued at $50.00, $30.00, $25.00 and $20.00. In the low gross competition, the same places will take certificates worth $40.00, $30.00, $25.00 and $20.00.

There will also be two "closest to the pin" holes, numbers 6 and 13, which will feature gift certificates for first and second place on each hole. First place will mean a $25.00 certificate and second $15.00.

Players who desire to rent a cart for the tournament will also be helping CFC in that the golf course will donate $3.00 of the rental fee to the CFC.

Players who wish to sign up for the tournament may do so beginning Oct. 8 in the following locations: Presidio Army Golf Course Office, Bldg. 347; Col. Blake's office in Bldg. 38, room 103; Lt. Col. Yelton's office in Bldg. 39, room 309; Lt. Col. Huggins' office in Bldg. 35, room 305, Lt. Col. Katsuyoshi's office in LAMC's Bldg. 1014; and the offices of the **Star Presidian** (Bob Mahoney) in Bldg. 37.

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Recycling center

The recycling pick-up normally scheduled for the first Saturday of each month has been postponed because of the holiday weekend. The next recycling pick-up will be Oct. 13.

Jewish holiday

Sukkot (the Feast of Booths), one of the three Jewish Biblical Pilgrimage festivals, will be observed for eight days—beginning tonight at sunset and concluding Oct. 14 at sunset.

The festival was originally called the "Feast of the Ingathering". It was the Jewish Thanksgiving on the occasion of the final ingathering of the harvest in the land of Israel. The Sukka (Booth) symbolizes the wanderings of the people of Israel in the winderness of Sinai, on their way to the Promised Land.

A Sukkot Service and celebration will be held Sunday, Oct. 7 at 3:00 p.m., in the Sukka, next to the Religious Activities Center, Bldg. 682. A luncheon in the Sukka will be held for active duty personnel on Oct. 10 at noon.

Officer Wives'

The Presidio Officer Wives' Club monthly Newcomers' Coffee will be held Oct. 11 in the club's activities building near the Four Season's store. All officer wives, new to the club or the area, are invited to attend. For more information call 561-4379 or 346-5398.

PX SALE

The Presidio Main Exchange Store is holding an electronic sidewalk sale this weekend. The sale features electrophonic stereo units at special prices. An electronic expert will be available to answer questions and provide assistance in selecting a unit suited to the customer's needs.

TV course

Interested persons can obtain three hours of transferable college credit through the TV course entitled Connections, Technology and Change. Each episode of Connections is like a detective story. For example, how did the wearing of linen cloth in the Middle Ages, a sudden change in the climate of Europe and the catastrophic Black Death give rise to the printing press?

This program began September 30th at 8:00 p.m. on channel 9. The broadcast will be repeated Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. There is no tuition for the 10 week course for California residents or military personnel and their dependents who have been stationed in California less than one year. A mid-term and final exam will be given at the Ft. Scott Education Center. Enrollment is possible through October 15th. Call 561-4900/2974 for further information.

DYA ballet class

Parents interested in having their children ages 5 and up, participate in ballet classes are invited to contact Mrs. Helen Piernik, telephone 994-0681 (Daly City), between noon and 2:00 p.m. Classes will be in Building 1390, near the Fort Scott Chapel, on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon.

Rec Center

New Guitar Classes begin Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for the class, active duty military and dependent personnel over 19 years of age may sign up. The class will last for 10 weeks.

Piano Lessons will resume on Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Lessons are one-half hour in duration.

A New Sewing Class will begin Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The class lasts six weeks and each class session is three hours. The class is limited to active duty military and dependent personnel.

For additional information about any of these classes or other Recreation Center activities, please call the center daily **after** 2:00 p.m. at 561-2000/5420.

Outdoor recreation

Outdoor recreation has a wide variety of sports equipment available for the use of Presidio soldiers. Included are fishing gear, backpacks, stoves, sleeping bags, tents and heaters. Also available are fully self contained trailers, cox tent trailers and fishing and ski boats. If these great outdoors doesn't suit your fancy, how about a condominium at Lake Tahoe? All items rent for a nominal fee. For more information or reservations, visit the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 92 or call 561-4324.

Automotive exam

The fall administration of the National Institute For Automotive Service Excellence Examination exam has been scheduled for the month of November. Interested military applicants should come into the Education Center and see a college counselor. Test must be ordered **no later than October 19th.**

Tennis classes

A Dependent Youth Activities Tennis Class is being offered by Morale Support Activities for youngsters ages 8 through 16. Lessons will begin Oct. 17, at the Infantry Terrace tennis courts. Classes will be held every Wednesday and Friday until Nov. 30. Fees for the class will be refunded only for insufficient registration. Each youngster must have athletic shoes and provide one can of new tennis balls to the first meeting of the class. A video tape machine will be used to assist in the rapid development of class members. Registration and fees are payable at Morale Support Activities, Bldg. 122, lower level, between 8:00 a.m. and noon. For more information, phone the DYA Office, 561-5143.

Oktoberfest

The Presidio Officers Club will hold its annual Oktoberfest featuring Joe Sniells' Ommpa Band, a Bavarian Dance Show, and a German buffet with free wine and beer, on Oct. 10 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Live music can be found every Friday and Saturday in the Attic Lounge from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

One campaign helps people all year long

Mailing dates set

Make it a Merry Christmas

Mailing dates for Christmas letters and packages headed for overseas APO areas from CONUS were recently announced by Adjutant General Center postal officials.

Special efforts will be made to speed up Christmas mail processing through the gateway cities in the continental U.S., according to postal officials.

People sending mail overseas may select one of five different postal service categories. These serves are:

Priority-provides airlift services for parcels from the point of origin to destination. Priority mail is the highest postal service offered and is moved immediately after passengers' luggage.

Letters-provides airlift service and movement for letters on the same basis as priority mail.

Parcel Airlift (PAL)-PAL provides for airlift service in the Continental U.S. and overseas for parcels not exceeding 30 pounds in weight and 60 inches in overall size. A fee is charged for packages mailed under PAL. PAL mail has no priority in movement and is moved on a space-available basis.

Space-available mail (SAM)-provides for movement of parcels by surface transportation within CONUS and airlift service from the gateway city to the APO. SAM letters going to an overseas APO cannot exceed 15 pounds in weight and 60 inches in overall size.

Surface-provides for surface transportation of mail over land and sea. Surface mail cannot exceed 70 pounds in weight and 100 inches in overall size.

The following is a listing of mailing dates for each postal service to different overseas areas:

Destination	Priority	Letters	PAL	SAM	Surface
Africa	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Nov. 17	Nov. 10	Nov. 10
Alaska	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Dec.1
Australia	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 17	Nov. 10	Oct. 27
Carrib./W. Indies	Dec. 14	Dec. 14	Nov. 30	Nov. 22	Nov. 13
Cen./So. America	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 17	Nov. 10	Nov. 10
Europe	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 10
Far East	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Oct. 27
Greenland	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	Nov. 24	Nov. 24
Hawaii	Dec. 15	Dec. 15			Dec. 1
Iceland	Dec. 14	Dec. 14	Nov. 30	Nov. 22	Nov. 22
Mid East	Dec. 5	Dec. 5	Nov. 8	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
S.E. Asia	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 17	Nov. 10	Oct. 27

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More stripes for soldiers

Changes in eligibility requirements and the new promotion worksheet will help E-4s and E-5s improve their promotion chances, beginning this month according to Capt. William T. Babylon, chief of COMPACT.

Soldiers under the semi-centralized (E-5 and E-6) promotion system will be eligible for promotion with a skill qualification test (SQT) score of 60 or higher states Babylon. Previously, soldiers had to score 80 or higher to be eligible to compete for promotion without a waiver.

"Soldiers under the E-5 and E-6 promotion system should know that the higher their SQT score, the more promotion points they can earn," points out Babylon. "SQT scores between 60 and 79 earn 1.5 points for each extra on the SQT score, while scores between 80 and 100 points earn three points for each SQT point score."

SQT raw score will be used to determine eligibility for promotion and the soldier's promotion points, rather than having to wait for the percentile ranking which is published at the end of the test period.

Soldiers who receive an SQT score of 59 or less may compete for promotion with a waiver approved by the promotion authority, who according to Babylon is the post commander here at the Presidio.

Those soldiers who have no SQT score through no fault of their own will receive administrative points based on points awarded in other areas of the form.

Babylon added that the requirement that soldiers be removed from a promotion standing list because of a low SQT score has been rescinded.

The new promotion worksheet which is now being used for E-4s and which will go into effect for E-5s in November increases the number of points a soldier can get in the areas of awards and decorations and education.

The number of points to be awarded for specific decorations and awards has been increased on the new worksheet, points out Babylon. "However, the maximum of 50 points in this area is still in effect."

"Authorized badges such as the parachutist badge, drivers and mechanics badge, and the ranger tab, will now receive five promotion points each," Babylon said.

In addition, soldiers who have been awarded the parachutist badge who are assigned to a "jump slot," and are receiving incentive pay for parachute duty (making required jumps), will receive additional promotion points as follows:

Parachutist—20 points
Senior parachutist—25 points
Master parachutist—30 points

For example, the parachutist will be awarded five points for the initial award and 20 additional points for being on "jump status", providing the maximum allowable points for awards and decorations are not exceeded.

A locally designed Certificate of Achievement (not restricted to the formal DA Form 2442) awarded by a commander in a lieutenant colonel or higher position will earn soldiers five promotion points towards the 50 points allowable in the awards and decorations section.

Another big change on the worksheet is the awarding of points for training under the Non-commissioned Officers Education System (NCOES).

According to Babylon, thirty points will be awarded for completion of an appropriate NCOES course.

"Soldiers recommended for promotion must have attended and completed a basic or primary non-commissioned officers course or combat arms, primary leadership course, primary or basic technical course to receive the promotion points," Babylon stated.

Soldiers unable to attend NCOES will be given promotion points for on-the job experience (OJE). These soldiers can receive an equivalent 30 points, but it will take longer," explained Babylon.

"With the new promotion point worksheet, promotion points are geared more toward those things the soldier and the commander can influence. Soldiers who really want to get promoted can add points to their scores by improving their skills in their primary speciality (SQT), by improving their job performance (EER and OJE), and improving their knowledge through military and civilian education," concluded Babylon.

In other news, DA recently released the promotion outlook for the month of November. There's good news for E-4s and E-5s on the standing lists. Hikes in these two areas will total more than 5,493, up 1,400 over last month.

There will be more captains this month than last as hikes to O-3 are also up nearly 1,400.

The promotion forecast is as follows:

GRADE	October PROMO	Nov PROMO	SEQUENCE NUMBER	ON LIST
06	53	50	187	616
05	148	132		
04	227	231	472	2671
03	1528	145	1742	2417
W-4	34	34	119	197
W-3	75	77	343	398
E-9	72	88	761	203
E-8	314	316	1233	1355
E-7	759	782	4246	3775
E-6	1437	749		
E-5	4056	3343		

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You can help fight disease

There are hardly any really good investments left in the inflated world in which we live, except perhaps one: ourselves.

Not just "ourselves" in the parochial, American sense, but the bigger "ourselves" that is the world community.

Probably the best investment available today is in funding developing nations and their peoples so that they can lead productive lives and develop an economy which will provide a marketplace for the American goods and services of the future. While this view may seem to be a rather hard-nosed reason for those Americans who need a hard-sell on charity.

Quite frankly, more and more American jobs in the factories of Gary, Indiana, and in the fields of Des Moines, Iowa, depend upon the purchasing power of the people of the "third world." The fact is that one of every eight American jobs and one acre of every three being farmed produce goods or food to them.

On the other side of the coin, if you're the kind of American who can be touched by the soft-sell approach of charity for humanity's sake, try out these facts. In this, the International Year of the Child, the child's plight in the young countries of the world is fearsome. More than 15 million of them will die before they are five years old; 156 million live in squalor, and another 700 million lack safe water and proper sanitation. There are 12-year olds with the physical statures of eight-year olds; mothers of 30 who look like grandmothers of 60 and even children who lack the physical strength to brush aside the flies which gather around the festering sores on their faces. All of these are common visions in the developing world.

Whatever sales approach you respond to as an American, the fact that we must help these people with an organized and concerted effort is immutable. Unless that effort is successful, young Americans will become adults in a world where millions routinely die of starvation and in which political instability, global terrorism and violence are rife as desperate people improve their lot by any means.

The major organization serviced by donations you make through the Combined Federal Campaign is actually a collection of seven operating agencies known as the International Service Agencies. The group has as its goal a world without disease, squalor, starvation or acute poverty. Many critics say that the ISA's goal is "pie in the sky" and that the group lives in a cotton candy world, that its goals are impossible dreams. The critics are right and will continue to be right as long as there are negative voices to shout the myth.

To prove this sort of negativism wrong, the seven field agencies each has a specific portion of the ISA goal to meet.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD-WORLD POPULATION is the first of seven and its aim is to stem the problems of hunger, poverty and disease by attacking their base cause: overpopulation. Already working in over 100 countries, the program is receiving wide acceptance, despite rumors to the contrary.

Then there is the well-known CARE operation

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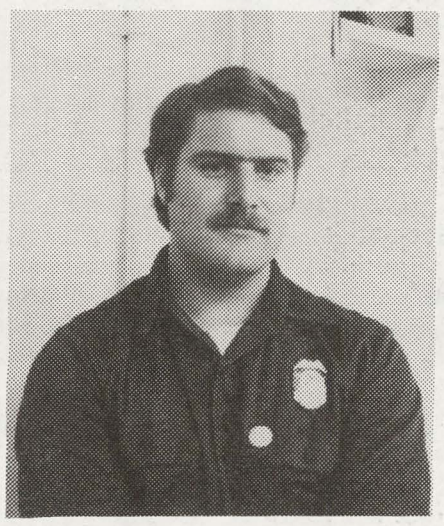
Ramblin' Sam

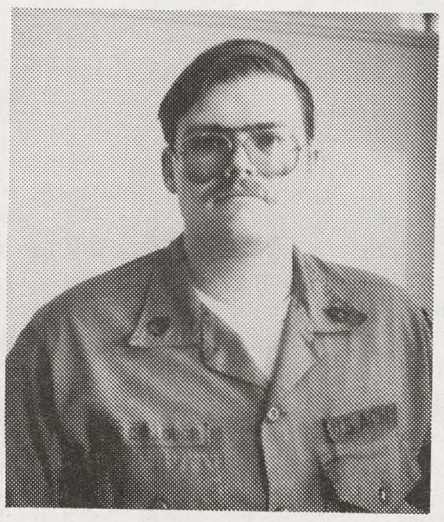
Who do you think will win the World Series?

Mary Stump, CPO— "I'm for the Orioles. I always root for the underdog."



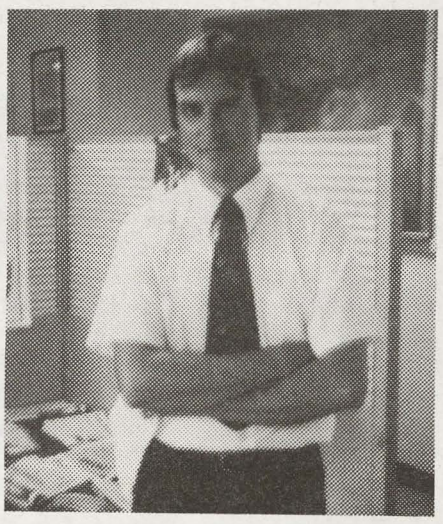
Firefighter Garry Pretes— "The Pirates because the National League has better style and a good hitting record."

Ms. Tina Carthen, CPO— "The Pittsburgh Pirates. I like baseball and Stargell. Stargell is really good, especially his home runs. In fact, I like to see any player hit a home run."



SSgt. Joseph McCullough, 163rd MP Co.— "I'm for the Pittsburgh Pirates. I think they have a better ball club and also I'm from the Pittsburgh area."

Mr. James Hudgins, PAO— "I'm definitely for the Orioles, because they have the best pitching and defense in baseball and I think it will overcome Pittsburgh's hitting power, besides I just relocated here from Baltimore so who else would I support!"



Pity whom?

By Ray Chattman
Former writer for the Fort Hood Sentinel and now with the 8th Army in Korea

While hanging out around the local dayroom last week, I heard something that I hadn't heard in a long time.

"Pity the poor lifer—he couldn't make it as a civilian."

I started to correct the poor misguided soul who said it, but then I heard the phrase "short" and I knew that I wouldn't get anywhere with an off-the-cuff reenlistment talk anyway.

It is an interesting phrase all the same. The first time I saw it was on the latrine wall in the NCO club at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. It is a popular saying among those who don't know any better.

When you look at the overall scene, though, is it really the lifer that needs pitying? I think not.

First point—the saying is nonsensical. Why would someone drop out of civilian society, when it is so much easier than the Army?

Think about it. Civilians on the average make more money, work fewer hours, and don't have to worry about duties or details after working hours.

Civilians sit back in their living rooms and watch the war on the six o'clock news, while the soldier has to sit in a field and worry about how close the next airstrike will be to his foxhole.

It doesn't seem like an even-steven sway in that aspect, does it?

Then, to go on—the soldier has the difficult task of constantly moving around all the time. It is rough on his family, and if he doesn't make friends too easily, it is rough on him. Adjusting to a new set of faces every three years isn't something the average citizen must look forward to.

Job competition is just as tough in the Army as it is outside, too. Promotions are awarded to the deserving only after meeting requirements for time in service, time in grade, schools attended, job experience and job proficiency, just as in any large corporation. An intangible that the Army throws in there is leadership ability. Does a civilian company judge its employees in this category.

Now, people are always hearing about the benefits. I say that what few benefits the Army has left are justly deserved. Retirement after 20 years isn't such a good deal if there is a war or two right in the middle of tha 20. And I don't recall this country ever being uninvolved in a conflict for 20 straight years.

The travel can be considered as a benefit—in peacetime. But then, many civilian companies have branch offices all over the world, too. Again, the main purpose of the Army comes into play. Why would anyone want to transfer to the branch office in beautiful Quang Tri or open an office in scenic Phnom Penh? I wouldn't.

As far as real benefits, though, the Army offers job security. The pay is low, but it is steady. The paid vacation is nice, but after some seniority, any company will give you that.

The soldier does have the opportunity to get involved in lots of civic projects—volunteering for DYA functions, "Big Brother" activities and other community minded efforts. The way the military "community" system is set up, the soldier can become involved in these activities virtually anywhere in the world.

The last selling point I could give on the Army would be pride. The Army has been around since the country began, and is devoted to keeping America free. The soldier has the pride to be in uniform for his country—even when his country is at peace, and is questioning whether it needs him at all.

The soldier pays a heavy price for America's freedom—a much heavier price than his civilian counterpart.

Maybe the next time I'm in that NCO club at Ft. Ben, I'll write my reply: "Pity the poor civilian—he couldn't hack it in the Army."

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No pay, see the Finance Office

So, you haven't received your pay or allotment check in the last two months and you're all set to see the IG and write your congressman.

You could solve your pay problems a lot quicker by first contacting your unit orderly room and then the Presidio Finance and Accounting Office, located in building 102.

There are a few problems which cannot be solved here, however, certain pay problems may warrant additional attention. The U. S. Army Finance and Accounting Center (USAFAC) at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, can solve those problems regarding pay entitlements and allotments which cannot be solved by the installation.

Although local finance officials will contact USAFAC when they cannot resolve a pay problem locally, those listed below may contact the finance center directly:

Active duty soldiers not in an intransit status

Dependents who live with their sponsors

Reservists, however, should first contact the unit commander or unit administrative technician. When the unit commander cannot resolve the reservist's pay problem, the Inspector General may then get involved and contact USAFAC.

The following persons can communicate directly with USAFAC without first contacting the Presidio Finance and Accounting Office:

Separated or retired soldiers or their dependents,

Active duty soldiers in an intransit status or their dependents,

Dependents not living with their sponsors.

Request of USAFAC assistance may be sent to the Commander, U. S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46249 with the following attention lines:

ATTN: Dept. 20 (for active and reserve component soldiers)

ATTN: Dept. 90 (for retired pay inquiries).

For prompt assistance, be sure to include all necessary identification information such as the sponsor's social security number, name, address and telephone number.

Dependents who neither reside with their sponsor nor live near the Presidio or any finance and accounting office, may also contact their local Red Cross for help during emergencies.

Maternity leave rules change

Pregnant soldiers are not guaranteed four weeks of leave before delivery, according to a news release from MILPERCEN.

A recent change to the leave regulation (AR 630-5) eliminates the reference to four weeks of prenatal sick in quarters.

Now, according to a MILPERCEN official, the soldier's physician must decide how much leave the pregnant soldier needs.

Previously, pregnant soldiers were allowed up to four weeks of prenatal absence. While only a target period set by the surgeon general's office, many soldiers assumed the four week maximum was an entitlement.

According to annual pregnancy rate figures, there were more than 7,830 pregnant soldiers in the Army in fiscal year 1978. Of these 2,626 had abortions while on active duty, over 3,100 remained on active duty and delivered and 2,068 chose to leave the service because of pregnancy.

According to MILPERCEN, soldiers becoming pregnant while on active duty will remain on duty during the prenatal period, except when limited by a temporary physical profile. Her attending physician will decide when she can no longer perform her duties.

DA officials re not unsympathetic to the plight of pregnant women, states the spokesman.

Although the policy on prenatal absence has been changed, the postpartum leave policy remains the same. Leave for the new mother normally will not be more than six weeks after the soldier is released from the hospital. The six weeks of leave may be extended if the new mother's condition requires more recovery time, the official added.

Presidio soldiers who desire more information about this change should call the Letterman Army Medical Center OB-Gyn Clinic at 561-4718 or 3602.

1980s Army

More women sought to fill ranks

The Army of the 1980s will have more female soldiers than ever before according to a DA report on recruiting objectives for the coming year.

A total of 23,000 women are being sought to fill the Army's ranks during fiscal year 1980. According to DA officials, the increase in the number of female soldiers is designed to help the Army achieve its goal of 85,000 women in uniform by fiscal year 1985.

Recruiting officials also added that the enlistment criteria will be the same for men and women.

Another change eliminated the "highest grade completed" requirement. This change will allow any applicant, who otherwise qualifies to enlist regardless of his formal education level.

Although the Armed Forces Qualification Test remains the basis for enlistment qualification, a screening questionnaire called the Military Applicant Profile (MAP) will be used to measure the potential for service or retainability of 17-year-old non-high school diploma graduates. The MAP will also be used on a test basis for female non-high school diploma gradutes.

The MAP questionnaire contains 60 multiple-choice questions concerning home life, school experience, interests, attitude and work history. The results of the profile responses, based on screening information obtained from non-high school diploma graduate male enlistees in fiscal year 1979, will be used to determine the applicant's chances for successfully completing an Army enlistment.

Clean up your area

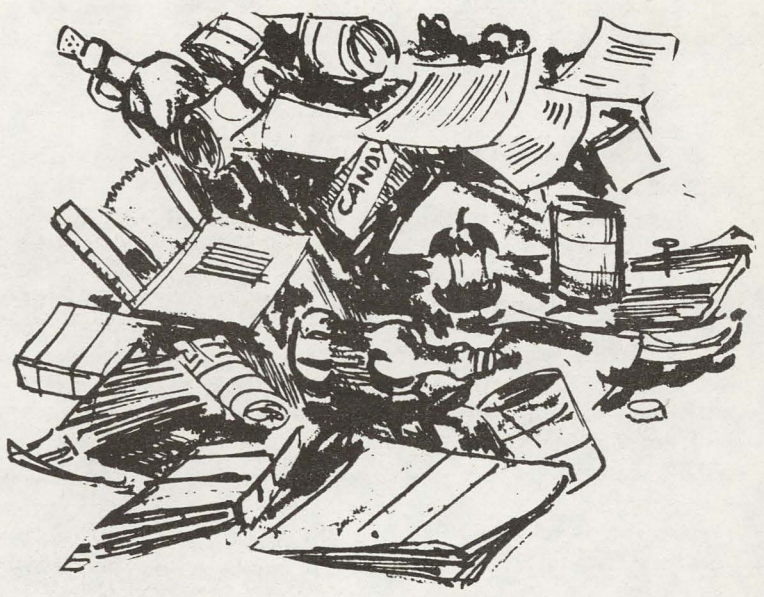
The Presidio's Annual Fall Cleanup campaign will be conducted Oct. 26 through Nov. 2 throughout the post and its subposts.

The entire Presidio community is being called upon to pitch-in and help clean up the area around their office buildings and their quarters.

Through individual and group actions, the PSF community can by just cleaning up 25 meters on all sides of their offices and quarters and their internal work and living areas to get in the habit of practicing good maintenance habits.

There will be trash pick ups through the post and quarters area on Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Everyone is asked to lend a hand to the clean up effort to help keep the Presidio a beautiful place in which to live and work.



Movin' supplies without trucks

The term "unique" is often misused, but when applied to the Logistic Control Activity (LCA), the term is appropriate for it truly is a "one of a kind" organization.

There is nothing like it in the Army, Department of Defense, or certainly the Free World, and unless the Russians have something hidden in the wilds of Siberia, the LCA's uniqueness can probably be extended to all the world's forces.

A descendant of the Western Regional Overseas Supply Agency which was disbanded in the early 1960's,LCA was established in 1965 as the Logistic Control Office, Atlantic, and eventually evolved into the present Logistic Control Activity, a part of the Army's Research and Material Command (DARCOM).

Although the LCA may be fairly described as being in the supply business, it neither ships nor receives; it handles no material, and has no inventory or warehouses. Rather, according to its Commander, Colonel Robert W. Wagers, "the LCA is a broker of supply and movement information." The principle tool of its trade is a computerized data base of some 10.5 million records called the Logistic Intelligence File or LIF. Containing supply and shipment status and related information on Army sponsored requisitions worldwide, the LIF captures supply and transportation data as the requisition moves through the logistic system from requisition submission to material receipt.

As the result of having this mass of data at its "fingertips," the LCA has three unique capabilities. First, it can provide current status on requisitions, whether in supply of transportation channels, to logistic managers at all levels. To support this capability, LCA employees are on duty 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Scanning TV-like monitors, they call up data in response to telephone inquiries and provide status in a matter of minutes. For inquiries involving more than 10 document or transportation control numbers an autodin inquiry/response system is also available which provides status in a minimum of four hours.

According to Major Bob Hunter, chief of the Customer Services Branch, the LCA handles an average of 100,000 inquiries per month, about five percent of which are telephonic. Starting in September, some users are now able to inquire the LIF data base directly using customer owned and operated terminals.

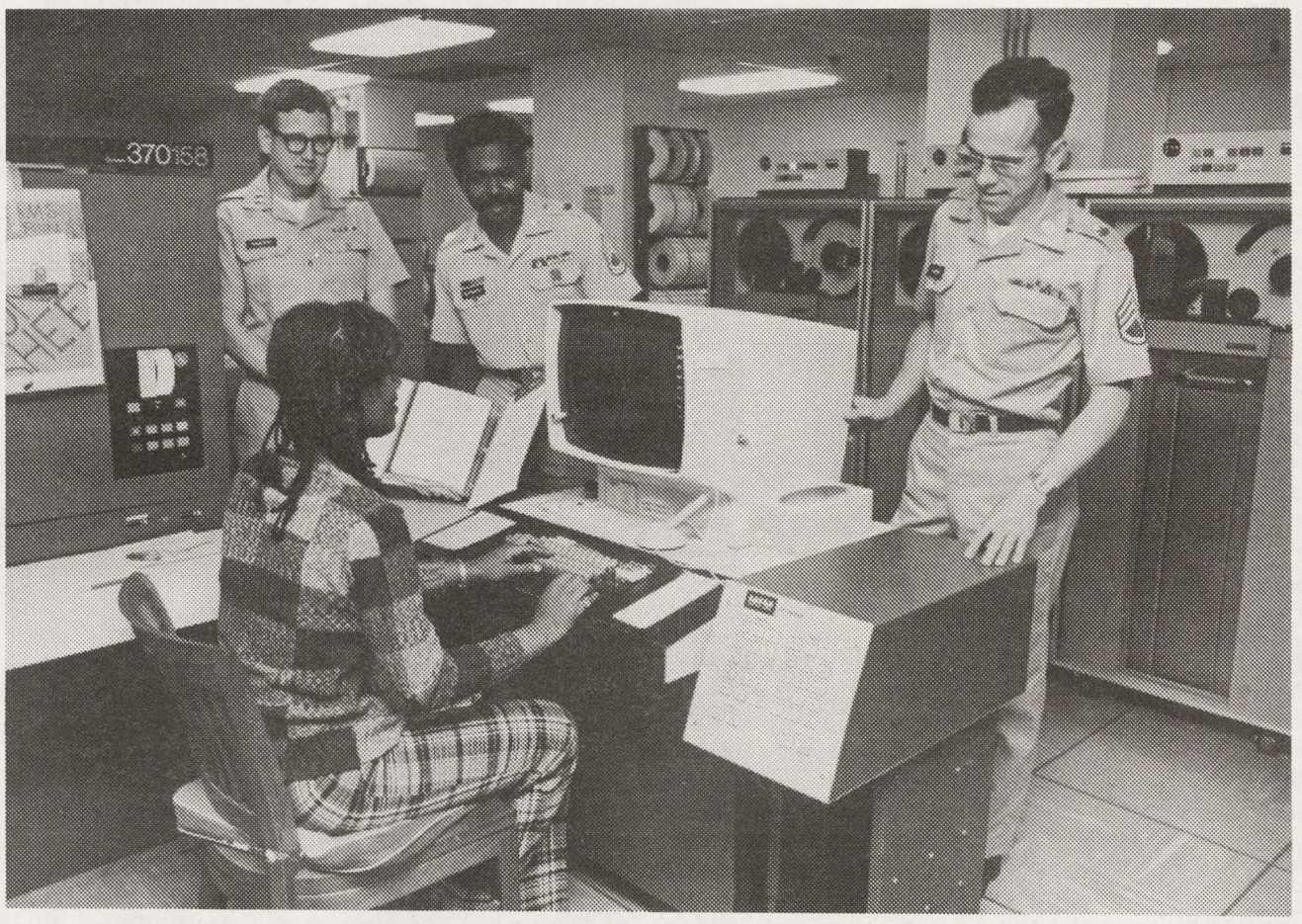
A second capability unique to the LCA as a result of the LIF data base, is the ability to measure the effectiveness of the Army logistic pipeline. Actual processing times are computed for each segment and where appropriate, the causes for sub-standard performance identified. As pointed out by Mr. Wally Vollendorf, chief of the Logistics Readiness Division, "this gives the logistic manager a vehicle for quickly zeroing in on the problem areas." The media for keeping the total logistic community routinely informed of pipeline performance is a series of LIF generated statistical reports. These reports (more than 100 in number) go to DA, ., DARCOM, the MACOMS, plus any other organization having an interest, to include some 750 individual supply support activities.

Finally, by use of operational research and analysis techniques, the LIF data base can be used to perform a variety of in-depth studies such as order-ship time performance trends, cost/weight/volume summaries, and individual activity or intransit performance problems. According to Mr. Chuck Slyker, chief of the Special Analysis Office, this capability is limited only by the imagination and initiative of the parties involved. As a result, the Special Analysis Office is being expanded and new techniques are constantly being developed. Their products, by the way, are available to all logistics managers, from the Department of the Army to the Supply Support Activity.

Although the LCA is best known for the Logistic Intelligence File, it has two other missions of world-wide significance. The first involves the forecasting of Army requirements for over-ocean movement of material. Covering both air and surface, the Cargo Forecasting Branch initially prepares a long range forecast covering only the DARCOM requirements. Then as the lift month draws closer, a short range forecast is developed, first for DARCOM and subsequently for all of DA. In the words of Sharon Davenport, a recent overseas returnee and Chief of the Branch, "it's like trying to paint the front of a moving train, but a fascinating business and very essential to the efficient operation of the DOD Transportation System".

Another transportation oriented mission of the LCA is that of Army Airlift Clearance Authority, or AACA. In fulfilling this mission, the AACA authorizes, controls and provides the necessary documentation for all Army-sponsored cargo entering the Military Airlift Command system. Shipments not meeting the established criteria for automatic airlift are challenged with the applicable shipping activity customer and diverted to surface transportation whenever possible. According to Mrs. Lois Hollis, chief of the AACA Branch, these diversions resulted in a cost avoidance of over $18.6 million during the period Oct 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. The central theme of this article has been the uniqueness of LCA.

The performance record of LCA can best be summed up by a recent incident involving Ms. Olivet Casey, one of the LCA employees who responds to telephonic inquiries. Much to her surprise a beautiful bouquet of flowers was delivered to her desk one day. In reading the enclosed note she found that they had come from the members of the 709th Maintenance Battalion, Ft. Lewis, Washington. The 709th had chosen this personal way of showing their appreciation for Ms. Casey's personal support, assistance, and LCA hallmark.



COMPUTERIZED... The Logistics Control Agency uses several computerized methods for keeping track of supplies throughout the Army. (Photo by John Green)

Come here private, please

"OK trainee, get over here." "Yes drill sergeant."

These are echoes of the past. New standards for the treatment of our newest soldiers were set by a recent directive from the U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

"Receptees and trainees are soldiers. They are soldiers from the moment they take the oath of enlistment. Receptees and trainees will be treated as soldiers and as adult individuals, with the same respect and dignity accorded to all soldiers."

The forms of address "drill sergeant" and "trainee" are out. Drill sergeants are now to be called "sergeant" or sergeant followed by their last name. Trainees will be addressed as soldier, private or by last name.

The changes will be apparent from the moment a new enlistee reports to the reception station (RECSTA), under the TRADOC directives. "Shock will not be used on receptees by RecSta cadre." This includes such practices as making receptees stand at a brace, run on and off buses with luggage and other forms of harassment.

Another casualty of the new rules is the "buzz or skinhead haircut." "Haircut standards in Army training centers will be the Army standards. Trainees will be allowed to wear mustaches in accordance with current Army regulations."

The philosophy underlying these and other recent changes is to "train soldiers by building their strengths and by showing their weaknesses. It is not to 'tear them down and build them up again.' We will insist on high standard of performance; we will assist the soldiers in attaining these standards."

The changes were ordered by the TRADOC commander based on recommendations from an ongoing committee of the nine Army training center commanders as a result of an eight-month review of entry training. (ARNEWS)

No handicapped people here

by Tom Tiernan

Typing may be easy for most of us. But it's not so easy when you're blind.

Vicky Hillis, a secretary at the Letterman Army Medical Center's (LAMC) radiology department, has been blind from birth, yet she can type with the speed and accuracy associated with a highly paid secretary.

In fact, Hillis has been typing since she was in the fourth grade at a San Diego school for the blind.

Through the use of a small machine known as an OPTACON, Hillis is able to read the names of the patients on the X-ray slips and type the correct findings from the doctor's taped notes.

She then uses the OPTACON to proofread her work before it is sent into the doctor for his signature.

Hillis, who lives in Novato, is accompanied on her job by her seeing-eye dog. The two climb aboard busses for their journey to and from work.

This unique pair has been part of the Letterman team for over a year and a half. Hillis came to government service because, "This was the only place that would accept me. I needed some work experience, but none of the so-called equal opportunity employers would hire me."

Hillis is just one of the many handicapped employees who work on the Presidio. Some of these employees, such as John Kalmes, are veterans.

Kalmes, a file clerk and receptionist in the radiology department, has a crushed chest and a missing lung which stops him from doing vigorous work.

Wounded during the Vietnam War, the former Navy landing assault coxman, turned to the federal government four years ago for a job. He moved to LAMC just four months ago.

Finding a job on the outside was difficult for Kalmes who has two years of college study in photo composition and design concepts. "No one wants to hire you when you're 50 percent disabled," states Kalmes. "Everywhere I went, the people told me that type of work put too much stress on a handicapped person."

Being a Vietnam veteran also placed barriers in Kalmes' way. "Television and movies have labeled the Vietnam vet as a freak and in some cases a junkie. I have to take a number of medications and I sometimes have seizures, so I was fired from three jobs for being a drug addict."

Kalmes, who won the 1976 Western Publishers' Award for Design Concepts of a magazine, feels that much remains to be done to help handicapped people advance in the civilian community. "What is really needed is understanding, an understanding that handicapped individuals are people with needs."

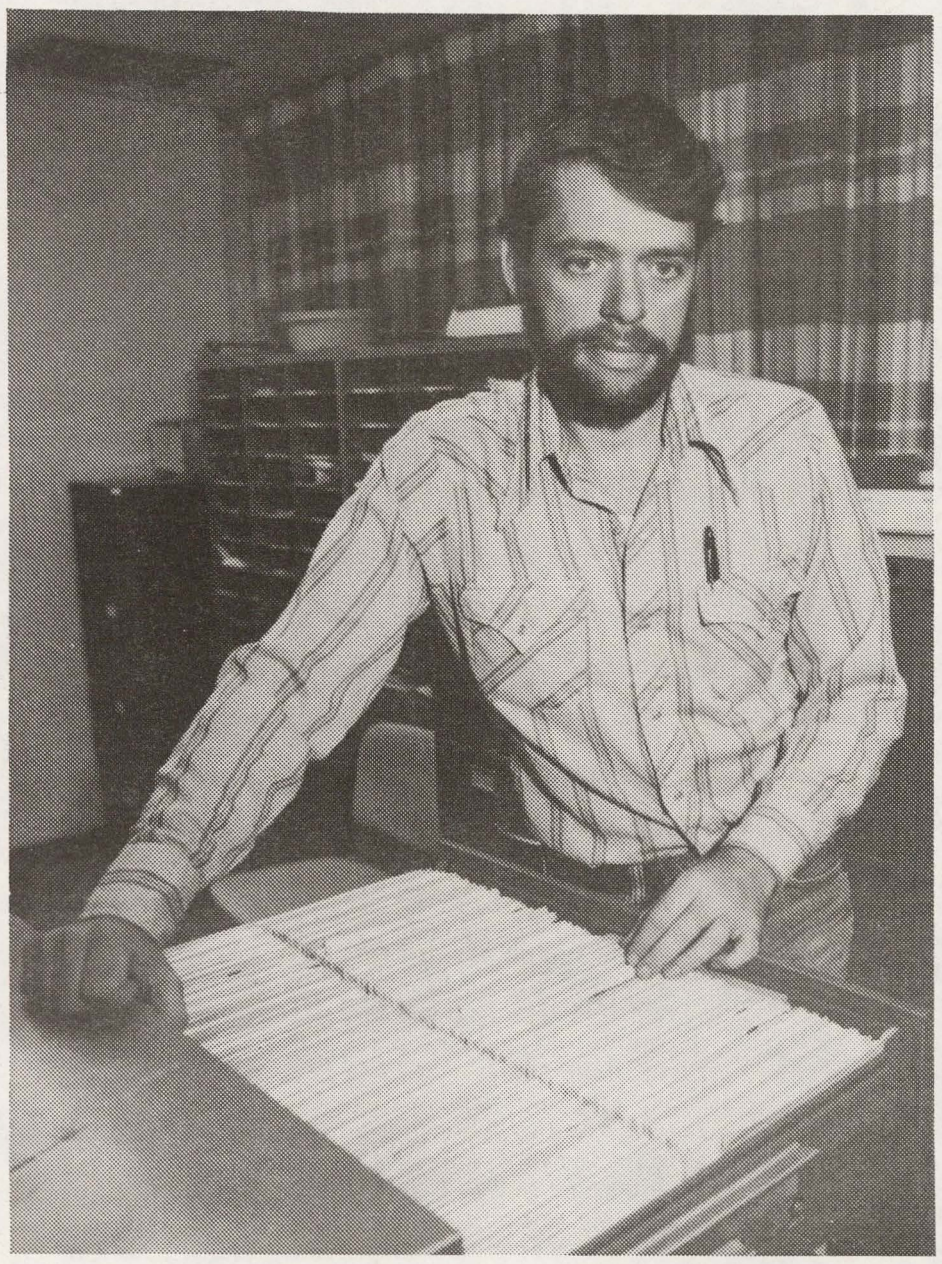
Communication between individuals is often difficult under the best of circumstances. But at the Finance and Accounting Office's Data Conversion Division, people are using their hands to communicate with their four deaf or hearing impaired co-workers.

Susan Molinari is one of the four handicapped individuals in this section. She is a graduate of the Honor Business College which teaches the hearing impaired to do date transcribing.

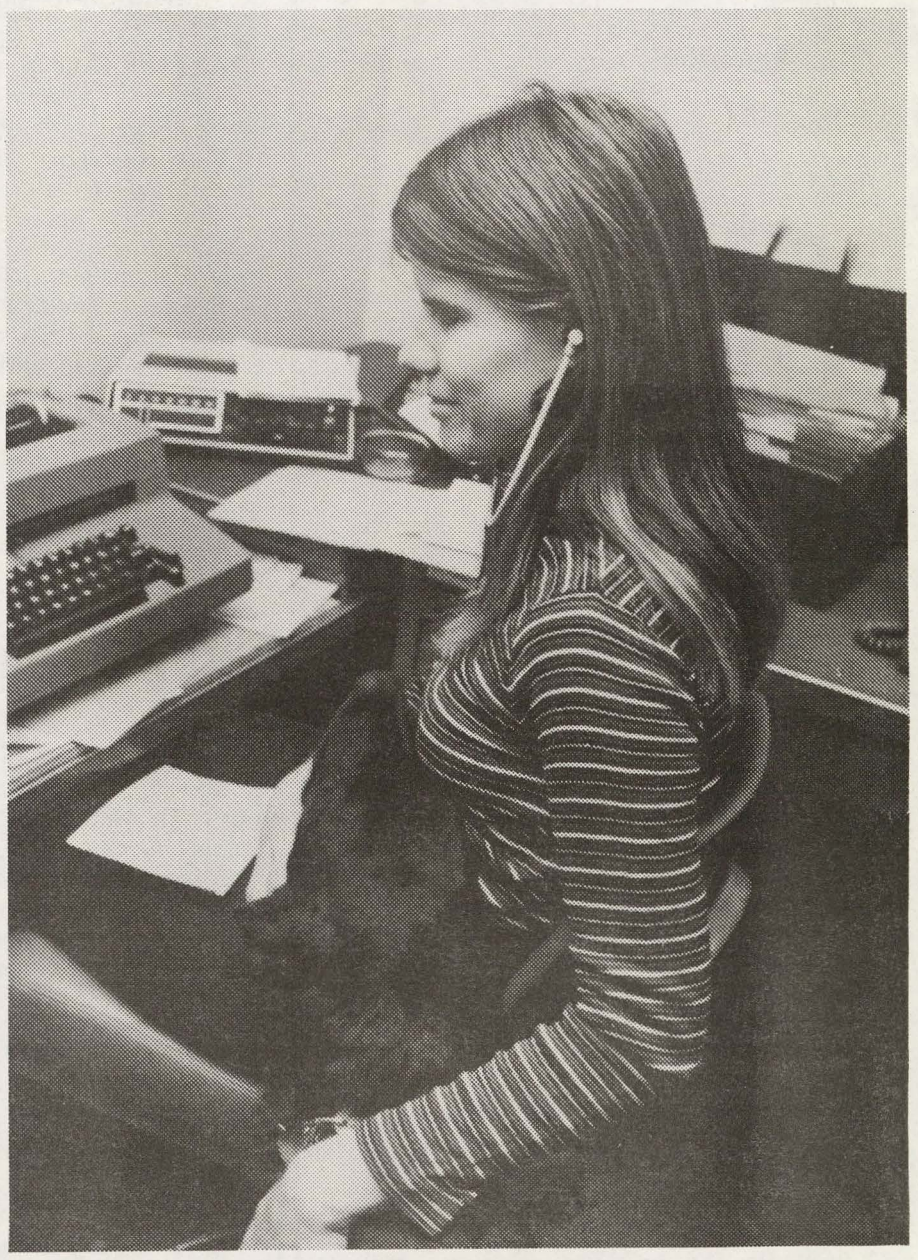
According to Wilbur Oakley, the section's chief, Molinari and her co-workers are making valuable contributions to his section's mission and their presence has motivated 14 of the 18 other workers to learn sign language so that they can communicate with their friends and co-workers.

"Hearing impaired persons have been working with us for the past five years," states Oakley. "Susan has been with us since March and in all that time we haven't had any problems communicating."

SUSAN... Susan Molinari spends her days converting data into computers at the Finance and Accounting Office. (Photo by Bill Makiel)



JOHN... John Kalmes is a disabled Vietnam Veteran who is now employed in the radiology department at Letterman Army Medical Center. (Photo by William Makeil)



VICKY... Vicky Hillis and her aid and companion take a break in Vicky's office at the Letterman Army Medical Center's Radiology department. Hillis, who is blind, types reports on the patient's lab slips. (Photo by William Makiel).

How good are DOD schools?

Your orders are here. You had been expecting that assignment to Germany and now it's come. Like any parent, you are very concerned with the standard of living for yourself and your family once you get there.

Of prime concern is the children's education. You want the best. The major question is "How do the schools in Germany compare with those here in the States?"

Those schools in Germany are part of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS).

Recently, DODDS achievements were compared with those in CONUS schools.

An indication of the effectiveness of the overseas schools system can be shown by comparing scores on the scholastic aptitude tests (SAT), commonly known as the "college boards."

College board tests are not given to all DODDS students, only to those 11th and 12th graders planning to attend college.

The following tables show that DODDS students have consistently scored higher than the national average in both verbal and math skills.

SAT SCORES

	VERBAL			MATH		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978
DODDS	439	443	445	482	486	484
NATL	431	429	429	472	470	468

DODDS officials also pointed out that while the national average for the verbal test has been on the decline, DODDS scores have risen considerably.

During the 1976-77 school year, many students took achievement tests in a wide range of academic areas which can also be compared to the national average. DODDS students scored above the national average in all of the academic skills tested except biology and literature.

ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCORES
1976-77

	DODDS	NATIONAL
English Composition	530	516
Math I	572	547
Math II	672	547
American History	509	492
Biology	520	543
Chemistry	589	574
Physics	596	593
German	672	551
French	571	553
Spanish	609	535
Literature	515	526
Average	578	554

Preliminary results of test scores for the 1977-78 school year indicate that DODDS students continue to compare favorably to CONUS standards, officials said.

During school year 1974-75, the Army conducted a follow-up study of over 7,000 students returning to CONUS schools from DODDS in Europe. The study showed that all but seven students were placed in the same grade level as they were in DODDS.

DODDS are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), the largest of the six regional accrediting associations in the U. S.

NCA has 47,000 member colleges and schools located in 19 states and overseas. Only about 45 percent of the CONUS high schools in the NCA region are currently accredited. NCA has accredited all of the DODDS high schools in U. S. Army, Europe (USAREUR).

Dependent schools have been working with NCA for accreditation since 1946. All of the DOD schools evaluated to date have been accredited, according to DODDS officials.

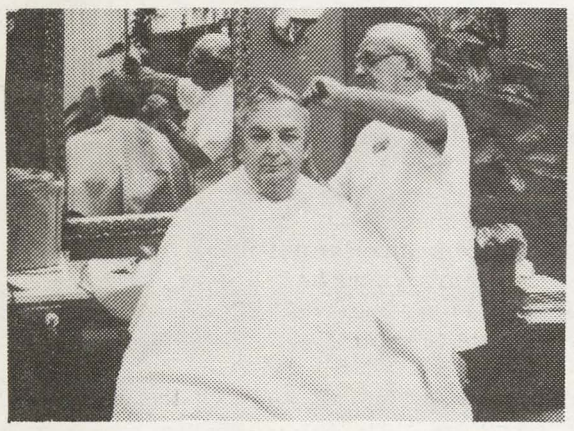
Accreditation doesn't stop there, officials add. NCA makes on-site reviews of accredited schools in each region every three years. The reviews emphasize a comprehensive education program, pupil-teacher ratios, school facilities, supplies, administrative services and teacher qualifications.

Each year during October and November, several NCA accrediting teams visit seven schools each in Europe. Outbriefings are conducted at the end of the visit so that school administration officials, faculties and community officials may be advised of any deficiencies and can take corrective action. Written reports are sent to DODDS and the overseas directors.

Previously, accrediting associations participated in the accreditation of only colleges and high schools. Within the last five years however, these associations have been involved in accrediting elementary and junior high schools.

The first DODDS elementary school was accredited in 1976. So far, two elementary schools in USAREUR have been accredited. By April 1980, 21 of the USAREUR elementary schools are expected to achieve accreditation. DODDS plans to process 21 elementary schools per year for five years until all USAREUR schools are accredited.

DODDS has also contracted with Westinghouse Learning Corp. to continue evaluating student achievements. While this evaluation is not final, tentative conclusions tend to confirm that dependent children are receiving an education comparable to that obtained in CONUS schools.



No trimming of prices

A recent news release from the Department of the Army announced that many Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) barbershops would be rolling back their prices in the near future. But, according to Ms. Sandy Bourne, PSF exchange manager, post soldiers will not be seeing the roll back.

According to the release AAFES officials set a new policy of allowing a 40 percent cost differential between the exchange service and outside commercial rates. The old policy allowed a 35 percent difference.

According to Bourne, the present haircut prices on the Presidio are over 40 percent under those in the Bay Area. And the difference is expected to continue to grow in the next six months.

"Twice a year, we are allowed to conduct a survey of prices in the civilian community near the Presidio," explained Bourne. "We just completed ours in August and set the prices so that they were 40 percent less than the $5 average for this area."

The price change which went into effect on Oct. 1 was approved before AAFES officials decided to increase the differential.

"We realize that haircuts are an essential part of military service," explained Bourne. "AAFES policy is designed to help the soldier fight inflation in everyway we can."

Off Post

by Mariette Fillman

Saturday

Teeth-gritting action prevails at the **World's Wristwrestling Championship Bouts** in Petaluma's Veterans Building (Sonoma County). This is your opportunity to catch the real-life elbow-bending made famous in the Peanuts comic strip. Qualifying preliminaries begin at 9:00 a.m., finals at 8:00 p.m.

Get a head start on winter at the **Marin Ski Swap,** 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., in the Marin Center Expo Building, San Rafael. Admission is $2.

Hay rides, entertainment, and a grape-stomping contest are on the schedule of the **Healdsburg Harvest Hoedown,** noon til 4:00 p.m., in the town plaza. Healdsburg is in the Russion River region of Sonoma County.

Sunday

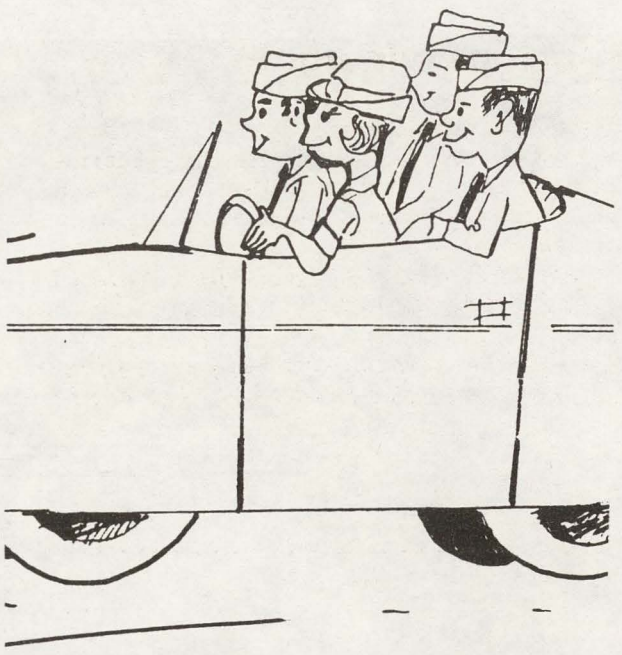
Celebrate the International Year of the Child at a **Festival of the Arts** on the San Rafael campus of Dominican College, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Donation requested is $2.

Autumn colors adorn the Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, where free **plant walks** leave from the information kiosk at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Arboretum is located just inside the Ninth Avenue entrance to the park off Lincoln Way.

Rec Center

All 49er tickets have been sold except for the Denver BRONCOS game on Sun, Nov 18. Tickets are $5.00 for reserved seats.

Great America closes its 1979 season this weekend. Special price tickets are available for



$6.75 for people ages four through 94.

Grand National Livestock and **rodeo,** Cow Palace, Oct. 26-Nov. 4. Tickets discounted from $6.50 to $5.50, will be available for performances on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27. These tickets are for dress circle reserved seats. Adult and children's prices are the same. These tickets are available to all military, dependent, civilian, retired and reserve personnel.

For additional information about the above items and other Recreation Center activities, please call the center daily after 2 p.m. at 561-2000/5420. Ticket sales and distribution of discount coupons take place daily after 4:00 p.m. until 10 p.m.

A winery tour will be conducted Oct. 28 to Napa Valley. The wineries to be visited are Mondavi and Christian Brothers. The tour departs at 9:00 a.m. and will return 7:00 p.m. Sign up by coming to the Recreation Center after 4:00 p.m. A deposit of $2.00 is required to reserve a seat on the chartered bus. The tour is limited to active duty and dependent personnel. Retired and reserves may sign up on a Space A basis.

Sports

Soccer champs

Led by coach **Ricardo Pacheco** and **Karl Palmer,** 51st Engineers defeated LAIR, 7 to 1, to capture the 1979 Intramural Post Soccor Championship.

Scoreless through the first 10 minutes of play, the 51st scored first on a pass from **Palmer** to **Gene Fields** who kicked the ball into the net from two feet out.

Members of the championship team includes: **William S. Goodhand, Karl Cowan, Martinez, Steven Garwood, Earl Deryke, Dave Gallinger, James Jacobs** and **Gene Fields.**

Golf tourney

Registration is continuing for the first Annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament to be conducted at the Presidio Golf Course on Nov. 2.

"We would like to emphasize the fact that the $15 entry fee for the tournament will go to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign," according to tournament coordinator Col. Dick Blake. "We would like to get a minimum of 18 foursomes, 72 players."

The tournament, to be played under the Calloway handicap system, will award four prizes in both the low net and low gross score categories. There will also be two par three, closest to the hole competitions.

Players who wish to sign up for the tournament may do so now in the following locations: Presidio Army Golf Course Office, Bldg. 347; Col. Blake's Office, room 103, Bldg. 38; Lt. Col. Yelton's office in Bldg. 39, room 309; Lt. Col. Huggins' office in Bldg. 35, room 305; Lt. Col. Katsuyoshi's office in LAMC's Bldg. 1014; Mary Gerken, room 210, Bldg. 220; Jerry Peavey, COMPACT, Bldg. 86; Edwina Todd, Finance Bldg. 102, room 204; and Bob Mahoney, the offices of the Star Presidian, Bldg. 37.

Aquarians win again

Willits, California, located in the heart of Redwood country was the setting for the Aquarius Swim Team Invitational Swim Meet, Sept. 29 and 30. Highlights of the meet were a parents relay in which the Aquarius parents placed sixth and a coaches relay in which Aquarius coaches placed third and fourth. Swimmers who won ribbons were:

Nick Russo—2nd in 25 yard butterfly, 4th in 100 yard Individual Medley

Polly Slisz—4th in 50 yard freestyle, 5th in 50 yard backstroke, 5th in 50 yard butterfly

Mark Russo—4th in 50 yard butterfly, 3rd in 50 yard backstroke, 4th in 50 yard freestyle

Donna Hibbs—4th in 200 yard butterfly

Brian Russo—6th in 400 yard Individual Medley

Girl's Medley Relay—2nd place—**Linda Boland, Carol Meshinsky, Donna Hibbs, Della Rivera**—3rd place—**Delia Rivera, Linda Boland, Michael Schneider, and Brian Russo**

Jule Adams—3rd in 100 yard backstroke, 6th in 100 yard butterfly

Bryan Meegan—6th in 200 yard Individual Medley, 6th in 50 yard freestyle

Tennis news

The Presidio Tennis Club has a number of events forecasted over the next few months. There are two tennis "fun days" scheduled, the first a member/guest round robin on Oct. 20 and a Nov. 10 tournament with all proceeds going to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign.

The Tennis Club is also planning two or three skiing trips during the winter. The trips will provide round trip bus travel, lodging and ski lift tickets for a weekend. Further information may be obtained from Bob Watson at 561-5417 or 388-2712.

Youth soccer

Due to the success of the recent youth soccer registration the Presidio will have more teams than expected. In order to complete the rosters for these additional teams, another week of registration will be conducted. All Presidio youngsters between the ages of 7 and 13 of both sexes are invited to sign up. For more information or registration forms contact Maj. Bruce Wicks, soccer coordinator, at 561-2403 or 2778 during duty hours or 561-5026 during the evening.

Swim hours

The newly painted post swimming pool is now open for business. Hours of operation are as follows:

Mon.-Fri.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Open Swimming
	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Adult Swimming (18 years or older)
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Patients
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Open Swimming
	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Aquarius Swim Club
	6:00-7:45 p.m.	Open Swimming
Sat., Sun. Holidays	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Open Swimming

Handball action

The post handball championship is underway with the field now narrowed down to **Nick Lapins** (LAMC), **Creed Smith** (LAMC), **William Schwartz** (Region IX) and **Pat Brady** (Sixth Army). Although Smith and Schwartz are former champions, Lapins appears to be the favorite.

Fun Run race

The next Fun Run Race will be held Oct. 17 beginning at noon at post gym number 2. This race will be three miles of flat, scenic terrain along San Francisco Bay. All finishers will receive their placing and finishing times. All runners are invited to participate. Sign-ups will be conducted beginning at 11:30 on the day of the race.

Flag football

Behind the throwing arm of **Frank Jones,** who tossed scoring strikes of six, 25, and 21 yards, USAG No. 1 continued to roll along in the post flag football league, with a 18-0 romp over the 864th Engineers.

Once again the "Wild Bunch's" defense played an important part in the USAG as the team has not allowed a touchdown in their last three games.

In other league action:

LAMC NO. 1 coasted to a 23-6 victory over sixth Army to even their record at 2 and 2. The game was highlighted by a 53 yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Eric Randolph** to **Doug Weinstein.**

The only score of the game for Sixth Army came in the third quarter on a 15 yard pass from **Johanan Brown** to **Robert Clipper.**

In their second games last week, LAMC No. 1 toppled their sister team LAMC No 2 by the score of 32-0. Once again **Randolph's** passing ability aided the team's win as he tossed passes of 35, 60, 17, 11, and 44 yards to wide receivers **Weinstein** and **Dwayne Gibson.**

The boys in blue from the 666th Radar in Mill Valley won their second game of the year 17-0 over the 504th MP Battalion.

Pete Cook's 35 year field goal with one minute left in the first quarter and a 37 yard pass from **Leroy Love** to **Byron Snyder** gave the Air Force team a 10-0 lead at the half.

The final score of the game came on a three yard pass from **Love** to **Manmen Teuscher. Cook** added two extra points.

USAG topples 864th to retain football league lead

Frank Jones, USAG's quarterback, eludes an 864th Engineer defender during last week's flag football action. Jones led his team to an 18-0 victory to gain sole possession of the Presidio league lead. The victory was the team's fourth shutout this year. (Photo by Noli Manus)

Presidio News Notes

Recycling center

Saturday is the recycling day for the month of October. All Presidio residents are urged to have their newspapers and aluminum cans ready for pickup. Support the ecology effort of the Presidio Recycling Center. Proceeds are divided among the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Young Life, and the Aquarius Swim Club. The Presidio Recycling Center is located in Bldg. 204, between Post HQ and the Main PX. Only newspapers and pure aluminum cans are suitable for recycling. The first Saturday of the month is the regular collection day; however, contributions can be deposited in the containers provided at the Recycling Center at any time.

Veronica's Room

The Presidio playhouse will open its 13th season with the play **"Veronica's Room"** beginning Oct. 26 and running four weekends, through Nov. 18.

The adult thriller is by Ira Levin, author of "Rosemary's Baby" and "Deathtrap." Performances on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sundays, Nov. 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The Playhouse is located across the street from the post theatre. The Box Office is open from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 30 minutes before performances, beginning Oct. 22. Tickets are $3.00 for the general public and $2.00 for military personnel, dependents, retired military, and reservists, upon presentation of ID Card. For ticket information, call 561-3992 during box office hours.

The Presidio Players' production of **"Veronica's Room"** is directed by Craig Cummins and features Kent Baldwin, Pamela Ciochetti, Larry McInerney, and Muriel Paule. Audiences are requested to neither reveal the plot nor the ending of the play, to preserve the secrets for other patrons. Latecomers will not be seated at all, due to the intricacies of the plot, and in respect to other patrons. **"Veronica's Room"** is recommended for adult audiences.

Detour

Bulldozers, cranes, and street rollers, are going to be common sites to Presidio drivers, according to Gale B. Gregg, Deputy Facilities Engineer.

Two major projects are currently underway which may cause some traffic tie ups in the coming months.

The first project is the resurfacing of Mason Street, which runs behind the commissary beginning at the Marina Gate and continuing past the motor pool to the helipad.

After the work on Mason St. is completed resurfacing will begin on the parking area at Kendal Drive and Birmingham road, in front of building 1331, and Edie, Thornburg and Sternberg roads, Kendal Drive and Gen. Kennedy Avenue. The project is expected to be completed by mid-November.

The second project being overseen by the facilities engineers is the demolition of building 69 on Lincoln Blvd. The project is expected to be completed by the end of May 1980.

"Construction sites are dangerous areas," states Gregg. "Each area will be barricaded by the contractor and we are asking everyone especially children to **stay out** of these areas. Through your cooperation, all these projects can be completed in a safe and timely manner."

Rec Center

Piano lessons will resume on Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Lessons are $5.00 for one half hour and are payable in advance on a monthly basis.

Guitar classes will begin on Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for the class, but it is limited to active duty and dependent personnel over 19 years of age.

A new sewing class will begin on Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The class lasts six weeks and each class session is three hours. Cost is $10.00 for 18 hours of instruction. The class is open to active duty and dependent personnel only.

A bike repair clinic will be held Oct. 13 at 2:30 p.m. Learn how to repair your bike as well as understand its operation. It's a good idea to bring your own tools. Take advantage of this clinic!

"NIMBUS" is back on Oct. 20 at 8:30 p.m. The music goes to midnight.

Tennis classes

A Dependent Youth Activities Tennis Class is being offered by Morale Support Activities for youngsters ages 8 through 16. Lessons will begin Oct. 17, at the Infantry Terrace tennis courts. Classes will be held every Wednesday and Friday until Nov. 30. Fees for the class will be refunded only for insufficient registration. Each youngster must have athletic shoes and provide one can of new tennis balls to the first meeting of the class. A video tape machine will be used to assist in the rapid development of class members. Registration and fees are payable at Morale Support Activities, Bldg. 122, lower level, between 8:00 a.m. and noon. For more information, phone the DYA Office, 561-5143.

Smokey the Bear visits Presidio

As part of the Presidio's observance of Fire Prevention Week, Smokey the Bear conducted a number of visits to post facilities including the post nursery, the pre-school and to the children's ward at Letterman Army Medical Center.

The symbol of fire prevention in the United States for many years, Smokey has carried the idea of caring for our environment one step beyond nature to the man-made environment of our homes.

As part of this awareness campaign, Smokey has been distributing literature and child oriented material on fire prevention throughout the week. Smokey has added to his old admonition that "Only you can prevent forest fires." Now he reminds us all that "only we can prevent fires in our own homes."

People who were not lucky enough to have received some of Smokey's fire prevention literature and who wish to do so may obtain it at the post Fire Station, Bldg. 218. Fire personnel are also available to talk about fire prevention problems at any time. Photo by Mike Willoughby

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which presently feeds 25 million young people every day in some 37 developing nations. Additional millions receive help through CARE's food-for-work and self-help programs such as school and water construction projects and agricultural development.

Project HOPE is another well-known ISA operation. This sea-going medical education program has, so far, benefited millions of people in 27 countries and HOPE's teaching doctors, nurses and allied health services staff continue to turn hopeless lives into healthy ones.

Combatting the staggering problem of blindness due to malnutrition, HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL conducts preventive sight care programs and offers vocational assistance to those who have already gone blind in the developing third world. It is also the oldest of the seven agencies.

Among the ISA's service groups, the INTERNATIONAL HUMAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS concentrate on community development at the village level, extending self-help aid on food production, health, skills training and income generation.

SAVE THE CHILDREN was founded in 1932 and today deals in 17 countries focusing on providing services to children in health, education and nutrition, while the last of ISA's programs, THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, is America's leading non-sectarian organization providing relief and resettlement service to refugees fleeing political, religious or racial persecution.

The IRC also aids civilian victims of war or violence and its present projects include providing for refugees from Russia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Angola as well as Indochina, in particular the "Boat People" of Vietnam.

If you want to compare your subsidizing these programs through the Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign to an investment program, you should know that many of the programs produce more dollars' worth of aid and assistance than they actually cost the donors.

For instance, each donor-dollar which found its way to the INTERNATIONAL HUMAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, produced more than seven dollars' worth of self-help assistance. CARE was able to turn each donor-dollar into nearly ten dollars' worth of aid and supporting services. Not bad investment returns in anyone's terms.

This "manifolding" of dollars is one reason why just a small increase in this year's total CFC donation will be able to bring about vastly expanded and improved services at the other end. Your pledging one dollar a month more than you did last year will make all the difference in the world.

CFC may stand for Combined Federal Campaign, but it means Caring For the Community. Think seriously about helping out before this year's drive ends on November 16.

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Free parking ends Oct. 31

Free Federal Employee parking is on the way out, according to DoD officials who are striving to conserve energy. As of November 1st, most federal employees, both civilian and military, parking on the Presidio will be required to pay a parking fee. However, some parking will be exempt from the fee, such as the handicapped, those who park at their quarters, and visitors to facilities such as the PX, commissary and the hospital.

At press time the fee quoted for the Presidio was $10 per month.

The announcement came as a surprise to many military bases around the country. The initial parking fee policy has affected 11 other military complexes in the nation, and included Army personnel working at installations not under Army control (such as the Pentagon). DoD officials emphasize that this list, while approved, is subject to addition or change as appraisals are reviewed by the General Services Administration.

Appeals to the new policy have been allowed by DA but submissions of appeals will not necessarily mean that the decision to charge for parking will be reversed. Colonel Hall, Presidio Commander, has appealed the DoD ruling. Hall says, "The Presidio's relationship with the

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DOD pay comes on time for PSF soldiers

Most soldiers who receive mid-month pay were paid on time as Congress passed a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) for the Department of Defense (DoD) on October 12, according to Maj. Harold D. Flynn, Presidio finance and accounting officer.

The CRA for fiscal year 1980 allows DoD to pay its bills and personnel for a period of time.

"The U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center (USAFAC) at Fort Harrison, Indiana, had taken steps to control the distribution of mid-month checks to local finance offices. This was done to insure mid-month payments would be made on time," said Flynn.

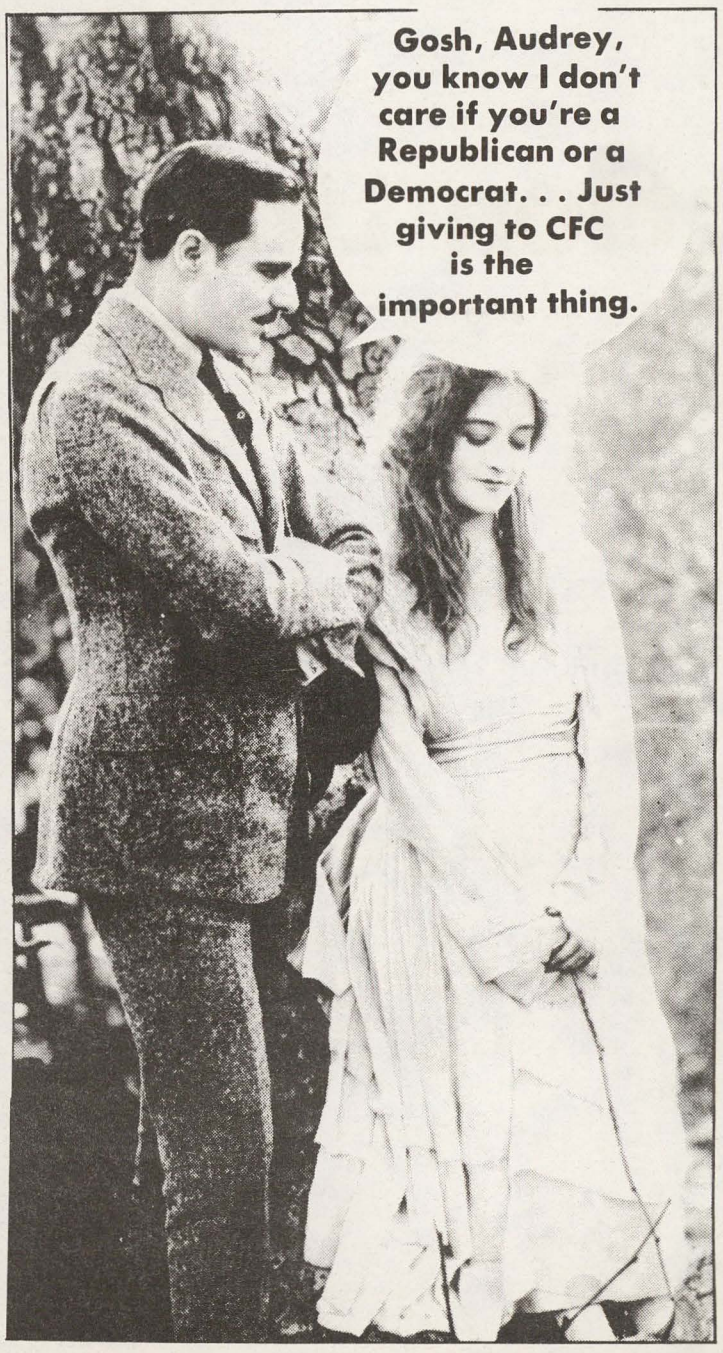
In addition, USAFAC provided those financial institutions involved in the military check-to-bank program a readout sheet to use in crediting savings and checking accounts, complete with individual names and the amount to be credited to each account. The financial institutions could not credit accounts until the OK was received from USAFAC on Friday.

"Individuals who participate in the check-to-bank program should not have experienced any delay in the crediting of their accounts," Flynn added.

Department of the Army personnel can expect their end-of-month paycheck for October to reflect the seven percent pay raise announced in September.

Flynn also noted that the CRA will be in effect through November 20, 1979. "Congress must have passed either the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1980 or extended the CRA by that date. Failure to do so could impact on DoD's ability to pay its bills and personnel after November 20," Flynn concluded.

PAID. . . Sp5 Cedric Overman (left), receives his mid-month paycheck from Sp5 Pat Jorgensen, assistant USAG mail clerk.



Coping with silence

by Bob Mahoney

Five years ago, 1st Lt. Ronald Seikel and his wife Kandice, were told that their two year old daughter, April, was deaf.

Seikel, who is currently assigned to the Human Resource Development Division as the equal opportunity staff officer relates the story:

"We didn't know what to do. We had never given any thought to what we would do in that or any other situation," according to Seikel. "After all, things like that only happen to other people, or so we thought."

The then Spec. 5 Seikel and family had just returned from an assignment in Germany. He had been selected to complete his undergraduate degree under Operation Bootstrap and was enrolled in Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Shortly after the semester began, his daughter became seriously ill with spinal meningitis.

"She eventually came through all right but there were some critical moments. It wasn't until a month after her recovery that we began to realize that something was wrong with her hearing. Even now, the doctors aren't definite if her hearing loss was sudden or gradual. All we know is that she's deaf," says Seikel.

Once the family realized the actual severity of the medical problem, the reality of the financial situation became just as severe.

"Local agencies in Oklahoma couldn't really help," said Seikel. "But there was a clinic in Los Angeles—the Tracey Clinic and School—which specializes in aid to hearing impaired children."

The Clinic confirmed April's prognosis and started to work with her therapeutically to help her adjust to her newly found soundless world, a somewhat traumatic adjustment for a two year old child to make.

In order to enhance what sound perception she still retained, the clinic recommended hearing aids. "They were $1,000 and we just couldn't afford to get them on our own. We tried several organizations but the best offer we received was a loan for half the cost of stereo headphones, the kind you use with your stereo at home. People just didn't understand our situation.

"A friend suggested that we contact the Crippled Children's Society in Los Angeles. We did and within 48 hours, April was being fitted for her hearing aids. It wasn't a loan, it was an outright grant. . . and a godsend," according to Seikel.

During the five years that have passed since April first encountered deafness, the Seikel family has been the recipient of much understanding and assistance from throughout the Army family.

"As April progressed, the Army has made certain that my assignments have been in areas where there have been special schools that could handle her problem."

Assignments have not been the only ways that the Seikels have recognized the benefits of being a part of the Army family. Upon arriving at the Presidio two years ago, the Seikels were granted an exception to the housing policy allowing them to live in single family quarters. "We do admit that we have a tendency to make noise because of April's deafness. This is due to our unconscious tendency to shout hoping that she can hear and her tendency to do the same," according to Seikel.

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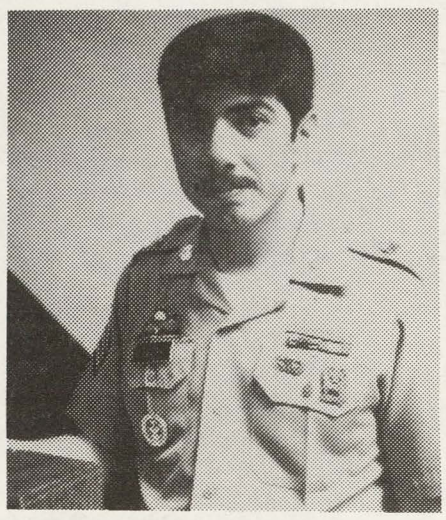
Ramblin' Sam

What is the most beautiful area on the Presidio? What area needs to be improved?

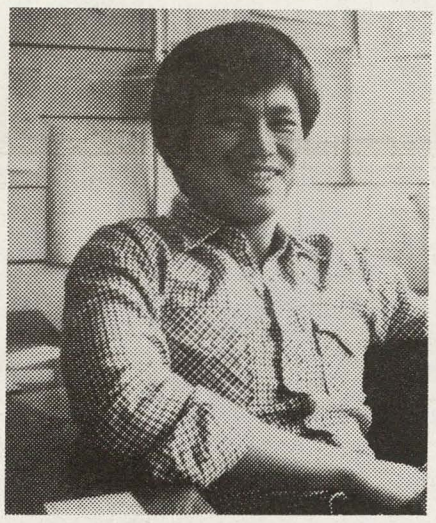
Mrs. Marie Smith, SIDPERS—

"It's really hard to say because I admire the whole post but if I had to single out one area it would probably be the Mountain Lake area. I think that the museum area could be improved because the schools use the area while at the museum and a picnic area around the museum would be great."



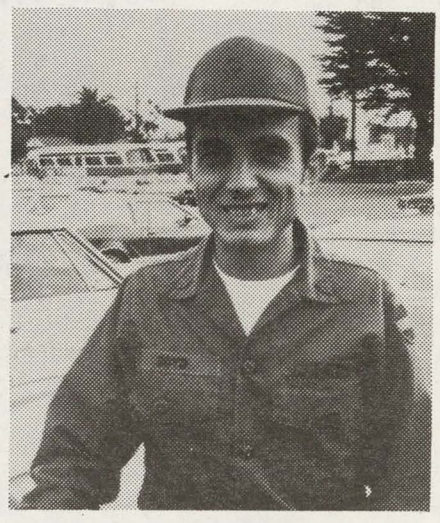
Sgt. Robert Valle, USAG—

"I really enjoy the view of the ocean above the Baker Beach area. I think it's the most beautiful area on the Presidio. I think that the 900 area could use some improvement."



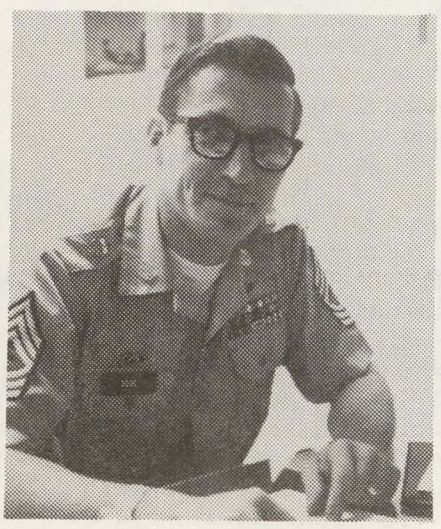
Mr. Wayne Szeto, TMP—

"I believe that Ft. Point is a beautiful area. You can see the Golden Gate Bridge, ships coming through the Gate and the entire view of the Bay is great, however, Crissy Field could stand some improvement by putting in trees and shrubs."



Sp6 Bill Boyd, Post Chapel—

"I can't say because it's all beautiful except for Pershing housing area which could stand a tremendous improvement. Looking at it I can understand why they call it the Presidio slums."



MSgt. Fred Reed, IG Office—

"That's really a good question because the whole Presidio is beautiful except for the Pershing housing area. The people there need to take more interest in keeping their area clean."

Command Time

Editor's Note: This week's Command Time from Col. F. Whitney Hall Jr. is the second in a series written by the commander to discuss subjects of interest to all Presidians.

Not long ago the Army Times conducted a survey of Army people to select the best installation in which to live and work. An overwhelming response declared that the Presidio of San Francisco is one of the most desirable posts. Of course, some of us here will believe the old saying, "the best post you had is the one you just left or the one you are going to." The purpose here, is to disprove that saying and to ask your help in keeping the Presidio a desirable post in the United States Army.

Let's look around us. Most work places and quarters are located in attractive settings, many with surrounding plants, but they are often subject to blowing winds and heavy traffic which bring trash. The Army support system assumes that those who live and work in specific homes or offices will look around them and clean-up these areas as would any responsible homeowner or businessman. This includes light fixtures, maintenance of the surrounding grounds to include lawns, parking areas, and flower beds. Fortunately, most Presidians do take great pride in the unique beauty of this post. I have even noticed a productive vegetable garden next to a maintenance building.

Occupants of family housing and particularly building custodians, are urged to look again at their areas and act to improve their appearance. The post will help in every way its limited resources permit. The work order desk of the Facilities Engineers, 561-2104, should be contacted for assistance with heavy ground maintenance work such as thinning overgrown areas or removing dead trees. The post police detail is also available to haul loads of refuse simply by calling 561-3397.

As we head into our fall clean up campaign, I ask you to help to keep the Presidio beautiful. If we all do our part, then the semi-annual post clean up campaign will be an easy job. And more importantly, the Presidio will remain a good place for all of us.

Action Line

Question: Why were the dumpsters removed from the El Polin Sprins area? Since their removal, trash, cans, and food bits are now strewn all over. Can't oil drums be put in, especially since the area is used for picnics?

Mrs. Peggy Neeley
Portola Street
Presidio

Answer: Two dumpsters will be placed at El Polin Springs.

Edward W. Crane
Chief, Utilities Div.
Facilities Engineers

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SURCHARGE. . . When the Seybold family sees the amount to be paid which was tallied by cashier, Christine Clark, the total will include a surcharge. The surcharge is not a tax. (Photo by Ted Elisee)

What's it for?

You go through the checkout line at the commissary and the grocery bill comes to $35. The cashier then adds a four percent surcharge ($1.40) to the total purchase price. That surcharge is not a sales tax. But what is it then?

All items in commissary stores are sold at cost—with no "markup" to pay operating costs. "Surcharge collections are what pay operating expenses, administration and for constructing new commissaries and modernizing old ones," according to John C. Rose, Presidio commissary officer.

Operating expenses may include the cost of paper bags, shopping carts, display cases, telephone service, electric lights, and the electricity that keeps freezers and chill cases at the proper temperature.

"Other expenses," Rose added, "paid by surcharge collections include: maintenance cost of refrigeration units and other equipment; purchase of new electronic cash registers to reduce customer waiting time at the checkout:

Inventory losses such as pilferage, or spoilage caused by a malfunctioning freezer."

Employee salaries, however, are not covered by surcharge collections.

The largest portion of yearly surcharge collections goes to constructing and modernizing stores—33 percent. Improvements to existing facilities and the construction of new buildings are scheduled on a priority basis. Commissaries supporting large numbers of active duty soldiers receive the highest priority.

In 1978, Army commissaries collected approximately $40 million in surcharges. That money is being used to build and modernize commissaries and equipment.

The commissary surcharge system originated in 1952. Prior to that time, the cost of commissary operations and construction came out of a fund that paid for many other activities. Often commissary requirements did not receive high priority. "Now, the total surcharge collected is used to provide better service to customers in an environment as pleasant as possible," said Rose."

While, the cost of goods and services have continued to rise, the surcharge customers pay on their commissary grocery bills has remained at four percent since February 1976.

Odd-even drop

Patrons of the Presidio Post Exchange Service Station have been enjoying relief from the odd-even distribution program since the restrictions were lifted Oct. 12.

Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., post commander, lifted the restrictions which were in effect since last May due to the substantial conservation efforts on the part of station customers. Hall said, "I would like to thank each and every patron of the station for their continued cooperation and understanding during the recent past. Your efforts are commendable."

According to Mr. Louis Felz, station manager, the Presidio Post Exchange Service Station realized a 33 percent savings in gasoline usage over a comparable period of time last year.

Hall added that "even though the odd-even plan has been lifted, this does not mean the end of the need to conserve. I ask all patrons to continue to use every possible conservation measure to insure a continued supply in the future."

New bond system adopted

According to Capt. John B. Keller Jr., Chief of the Finance Operations Branch, new series EE and HH bonds will be available for 50 percent of their face value instead of the previous 75 percent. Individuals purchasing $100 series EE denomination bonds, for instance, will pay $50 compared to $75 for the series E bonds. "The EE bonds are replacing the series E bonds now offered through payroll deductions," said Keller.

The present E and H bonds will continue to be sold at banks and other savings institutions until December 31. The series H bonds are being converted to series HH bonds. Like the H series, series HH bonds will not be available through payroll deductions.

Major differences between the new series EE and the current series E bonds include:

*** The elimination of the $25 savings bond. The minimum denomination will be a $50 bond for a $25 investment.**

*** The addition of a $5,000 denomination bond which must be purchased at a savings institution.**

*** A longer term to original maturity•11 years, 9 months, instead of five years.**

*** A minimum retention period of six months before the bonds can be redeemed. Series E bonds can be redeemed two months after they're issued.**

*** The application of average dating to series EE bonds of $75 or greater. With series E bonds, average dating applied to bonds of $50 or greater.**

*** A higher annual limitation of $15,000 (purchase price).**

"To allow enough time to take care of any payroll problems before June 30, 1980," the conversion is set to be completed by March 30, 1980" continued Keller. The method of conversion to the series EE bonds will be a "negative response" system. Existing deductions will be applied toward the purchase of series EE bonds unless employees change or discontinue their allotment.

"Allotment amounts will not increase but may decrease. For example, current monthly bond deductions of $18.75 for purchase of series E $25 bonds will be converted to the bimonthly purchase of a $75 EE bond. More specific deduction information will soon be included with leave and earnings statements (LES) and bond mailings," concluded Keller.

Silence

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"And then when we got into quarters on Lincoln Blvd, we contacted the Military Police just to notify them of a deaf child in the neighborhood. They had signs up on the street within two days to help protect April. They responded quickly and admirably."

Today, April is in the second grade, attending a special class at the Hillcrest School in San Francisco. At least twice a year, she has to be refitted for hearing aids simply because she is still an otherwise healthy, growing girl.

"Now we can get her aids through CHAMPUS, paying only the deductible in each case," continued Seikel. "But if it were not for the Crippled Children's Society in Los Angeles, we probably would have given up hope five years ago."

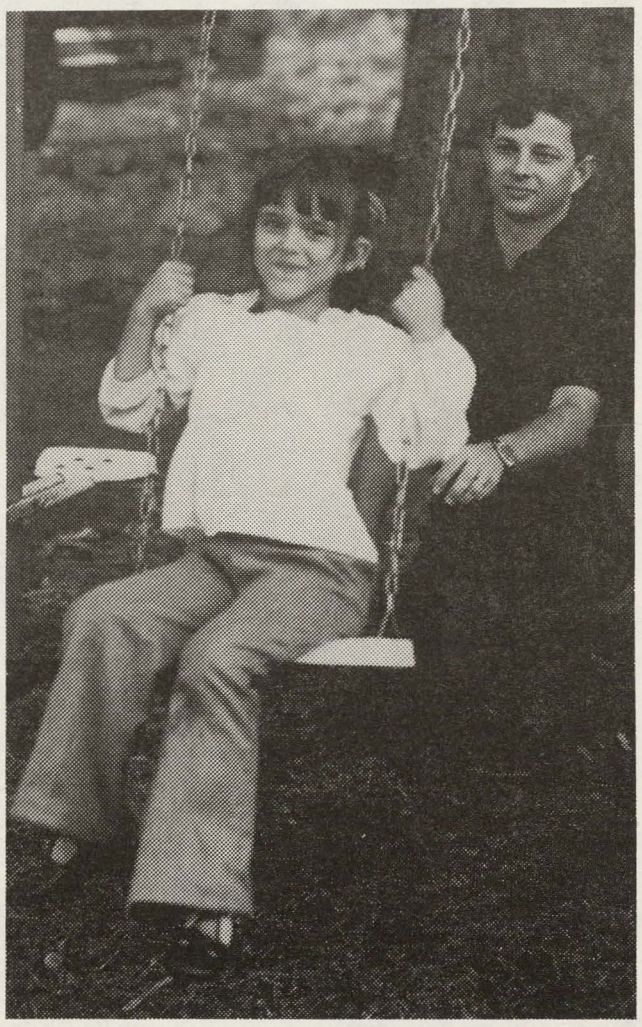
The Crippled Children's Society is one of the many agencies benefitting from local United Way funding which in turn benefit from contributions from the Combined Federal Campaign.

Ron Seikel now recognizes the value of CFC because he has seen how just one of these many agencies can help just one person he knows and loves.

Every person at the Presidio has the need or the potential for need of assistance from agencies that receive funding from CFC.

Ronald and Kandice Seikel are now enthusiastic givers to CFC. He says, "I'd like to thank everyone who has given to CFC. Our family is the better for it. And I'd also like to thank everyone who will give to CFC. We'll all be better for it."

The 1979 Combined Federal Campaign will continue at the Presidio through November 16.



The Seikel family shares many moments of relaxation together. Their life has been made easier by aid from CFC (Photo by Tina Juber)

Parking

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the open post policy of the Presidio will complicate the carrying out of the parking fee instructions."

Officials have directed all installations to appoint a parking project manager before November 1, 1979. The manager will assist in forming car pools and van pools and maintain current information about public transit service to the installation. This will be in keeping with the philosophy of energy conservation which has been encouraged by DoD in the past.

Also detailed procedures will be developed for each installation regarding collection of fees, assignment of spaces and other administrative details. Col. Hall has stated that the Presidio plans to develop parking fee regulations which are fair, do not create problems to visitors and encourage energy savings.

(Editors note: certain employees on the Presidio will be exempt from paying parking fees. As the Star Presidian continues to receive guidance on the new parking policy, we will provide this information to our readers).

Alcohol

One too many may be too much for an unborn child

by Tom Tiernan

Pregnant women who drink may be planting a time bomb in their unborn child that could explode later with tragic results.

According to doctors (Col.) R. Ansbacher, Chief OB-GYN, and (Lt. Col.) James Rawlings, Chief of Pediatrics at Letterman Army Medical Center(LAMC), pregnant women should avoid alcohol throughout their pregnancy.

Ansbacher states that alcohol is a drug which depresses the nervous system and affects nearly every organ in the body. During pregnancy, this drug can affect the delicate system of the unborn baby.

"Studies of babies born to women who drank heavily during pregnancy have shown some very disturbing results," Ansbacher says.

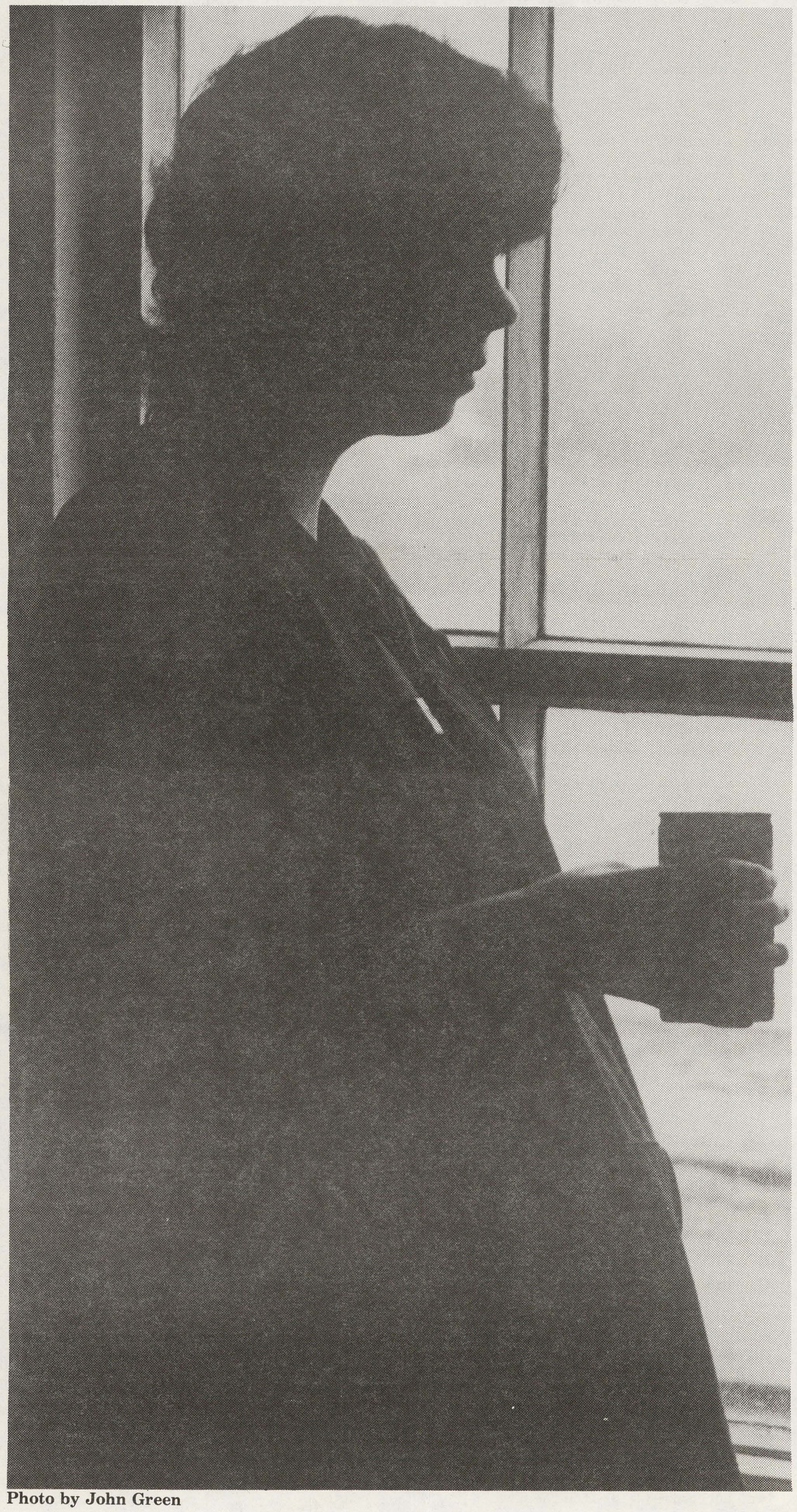


Photo by John Green

'Fetal Alcohol Syndrome'

"A significant number of babies were born with a definite pattern of physical, mental and behaviorial abnormalities known at the "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome," explained Ansbacher.

"Babies with this syndrome are generally shorter and lighter in weight than normal infants and do not catch up even after special care is given," added Rawlings. "These babies are also born with small brains and heads, facial irregularities such as thin upper lips and small eyes, joint and limb abnormalities, heart defects and poor coordination."

Rawlings continued, "Many babies with the syndrome were mentally retarded and showed a number of behavioral problems including hyperactivity, extreme nervousness and poor attention spans."

Some infants even go through alcohol withdrawl after they are born. Although the baby is not addicted to alcohol, it still goes through this phase which includes vomitting, seizures, extreme hunger, poor feeding, diarrhea and irritability.

"Not all babies have these outward signs of the syndrome," says Rawlings. "There may be some children in this clinic who have the syndrome and we haven't been able to detect it because the characteristics aren't there. But in a few years the child could feel the severe effects of the 'fetal alcohol syndrome'. That's why it has a time bomb effect."

"You can see all of the characteristics of the syndrome, or they may remain unseen and appear at some later date," explained Rawlings.

According to Ansbacher, there is no way to detect the syndrome before the child is born, but he was quick to add, "that doesn't mean we won't develop a way."

"Unless a woman comes in drunk or tells us that she is drinking, there's no way to tell if the fetus is being affected by alcohol," Ansbacher explained.

When a pregnant mother takes a drink, the alcohol travels through the placenta to the fetus. The alcohol then travels through the fetus' bloodstream in the same amount as that of the mother.

Drunk mother, drunk baby

If a pregnant mother gets drunk at a party, her unborn baby becomes drunk as well. The tiny developing system of the baby cannot handle alcohol.

"The liver detoxifies alcohol in the body," explained Ansbacher, "the fetus' liver is not fully developed enough to handle the alcohol load."

Both doctors warn pregnant woman to stay away from alcohol.

"If a woman drinks to relax or relieve tension, she should find something else to do. Hobbies which take the woman's mind off her problems are far more beneficial than alcohol or drugs," states Ansbacher. "Woman also need the help and support of their partners to get through this sometime trying time in their lives."

Follow the doctor's word

No alcohol or drug of any kind, for that matter, should be taken without the doctor's approval. This includes over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin, cold remedies, and diet pills.

Although it is not known how much alcohol can harm the fetus, it is better to be safe than sorry.

"Any pregnant woman who thinks it is safe to drink a little bit is playing Russian roulette with her child's future," Rawlings concluded.

Commentary

Caring makes all the difference

by Mike Christy

When I first joined the military we got our monthly pay in the company day room at a place called the pay table.

It wasn't anything fancy. Just a couple of tables placed side-by-side with a pay officer, a clerk or two and the first sergeant sitting behind them.

The routine was always the same. After waiting in a long line we presented ourselves in front of the pay officer, who very carefully counted out our pay. While the clerk checked us off the roster, we would sign that we had received our cash for that month. We then moved down the table.

At the very end of the pay table would be one, two and sometimes even three boxes. Sitting comfortably in a chair behind the boxes was the first sergeant.

Depending on his mood or the tactics he wanted to use, he would look very stern or would take on the presence of a cheshire cat, a grin spread from ear-to-ear.

I usually got the wide smile approach.

"Ah, Private Christy," he would beam, "I see you have a handful of loose dollars there. As you know, the old man and I like to help the Orphans here-about and also the Poor Widows, not to mention the 'Save the Wildflowers' campaign. How about donating a dollar or two to each?"

Who can refuse a smiling first sergeant?

Naturally, I would dutifully place a "loose dollar" in each box. I'm still not sure if I gave because I wanted to please the first sergeant or to get that good, warm feeling one gets from helping those less fortunate. Whatever it was, I always gave every payday.

That's the way it was in the old days. The military has since moved forward. Pay tables are now a rare sight. Gone from payday are the donation boxes, and with them the first sergeant with his charitable causes.

But one thing remains regardless of the modern military's computerized, no-more-pay-table payroll system. There are still the sick, the handicapped, families in need, the disaster-stricken, the hungry, and the disadvantaged who need our contributions.

With the role of watch dog over charitable causes taken away from the first sergeant, who is responsible for contributions? The same people the first sergeant was trying to get to place donations into his boxes—it's you, it's me, it's everybody who cares about others.

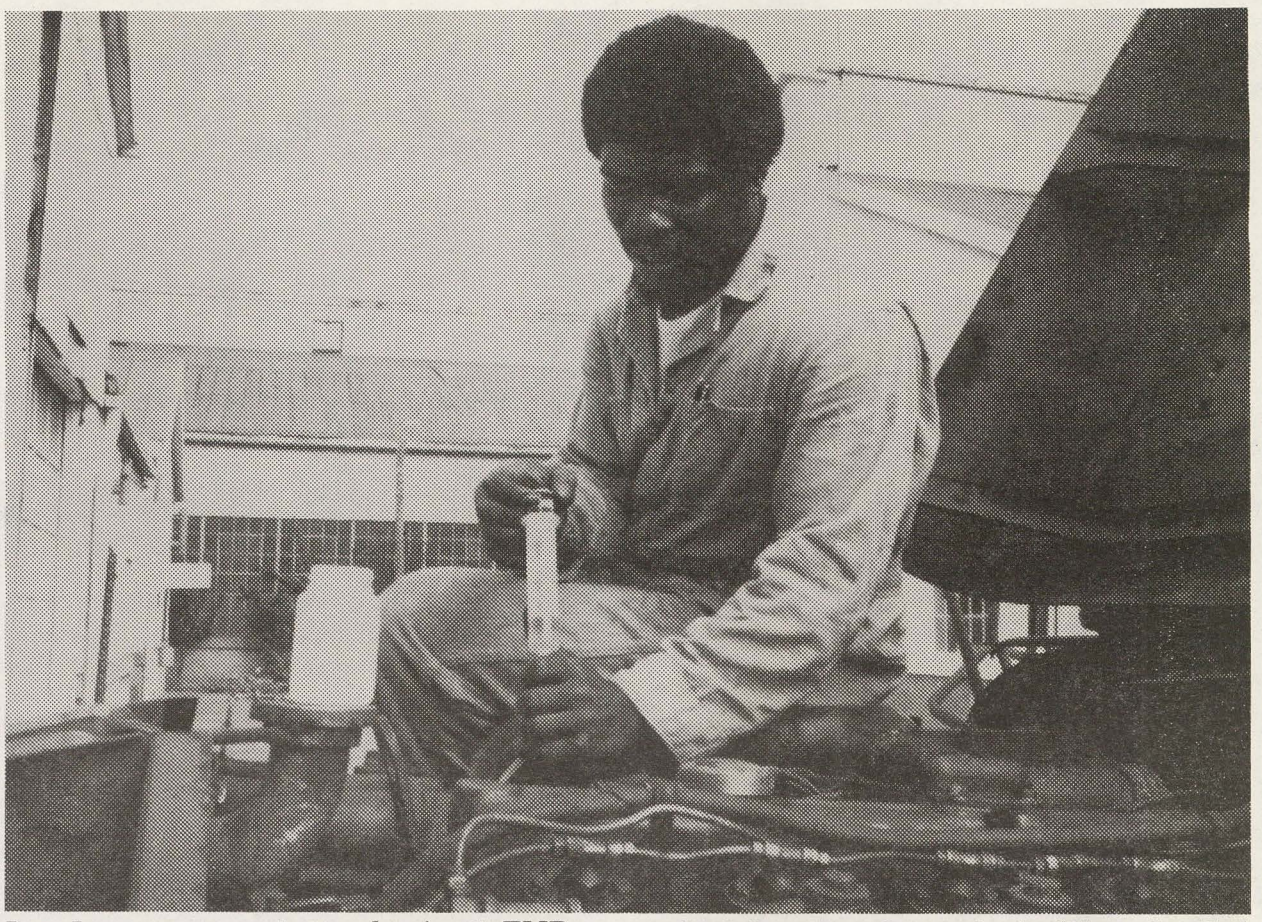
I like it this way. I enjoy the independence of doing it my own way and giving to those causes I want to give to. I do it each year and I do it through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The Combined Federal Campaign offers me the opportunity to help individuals in the U.S. or overseas or both. It offers me the opportunity to select one of all of the 17 National Health Agencies, and 13 International Service Agencies to receive my contribution.

I also like the manner in which I can contribute. I use the payroll deduction plan because it is convient and allows me to spread my contribution out over a 12 month period. That way it doesn't put a dent in by budget all at one time.

This year, reach out. . . make the world a better place through your Combined Federal Campaign. Welcome your key person, who is devoting effort and personal time to helping others.

Individuals in need are depending on us.



Len Lawson, an auto mechanic at TMP, removes an oil sample that will be sent to the laboratory for analysis. (Photo by Ted Elisee)

A few drops uncover a lot

by Don Terry

All you have to do is insert the syringe, draw out a small sample, and then send it to the lab for analysis.

It sounds a lot like drawing blood. But it's not. The blood is oil and the process is done at the Presidio motor pool and not at the hospital.

This new process is being used to determine the physical condition of engine oil and the engines gearboxes, and other oil lubrication systems of military vehicles.

The Army Oil Analysis Program (AOAP) begins when a mechanic draws out three ounces of used oil from a vehicle and sends it to a lab at the Petroleum Field Office at the Tracy Defense Depot. Tests are run to detect oil property changes resulting from changing equipment conditions or maintenance practices. The tests also reveal useful oil life or oil drain intervals.

A spectrometric analysis is also employed to determine the concentrations of various wear metals in the sample. These metal particles are the result of the friction caused by the moving parts of the engine. This test helps to identify the metal specks and the parts they came from. These parts can then be repaired or replaced as necessary.

The process ends when the lab report is sent to the maintenance people at the motor pool. In 92 percent of the tests, the lab is correct in its analysis of the problem.

The program saves the Army and the taxpayer 20 dollars for every dollar spent on analysis.

The program originally started in 1941 with the ralroads, then was adopted by the Navy in 1956 for ships, by the Army in 1961 for airplanes and then in 1975 for vehicles.

Halloween parade slated

The children of the Presidio Preschool Kindergarten will again be havng a costume parade on Halloween, Oct. 31. The parade will leave the school at 10 a.m. and arrive in front of Letterman Hospital at approximately 10:15 a.m. At that time, costumes will be judged and prizes will be awarded to the children whose costumes are the most original, most frightening and the funniest.

Winnie the Pooh will lead the parade and gifts from the school students will be given to the children on the pediatric ward. Parents are urged to attend and help supervise the parade to and from the hospital. Traffic will be momentarily halted by the Military Police while the children cross Lombard and Dewitt streets. Everyone is invited to join the children for this Halloween parade.

Happy in what she's doing

by Ted Elisee

Love of God and love of country is as American as apple pie, or so they say. And that is just the case with Sister Eileen Dunn, of the Religious Activities Center here at the Presidio.

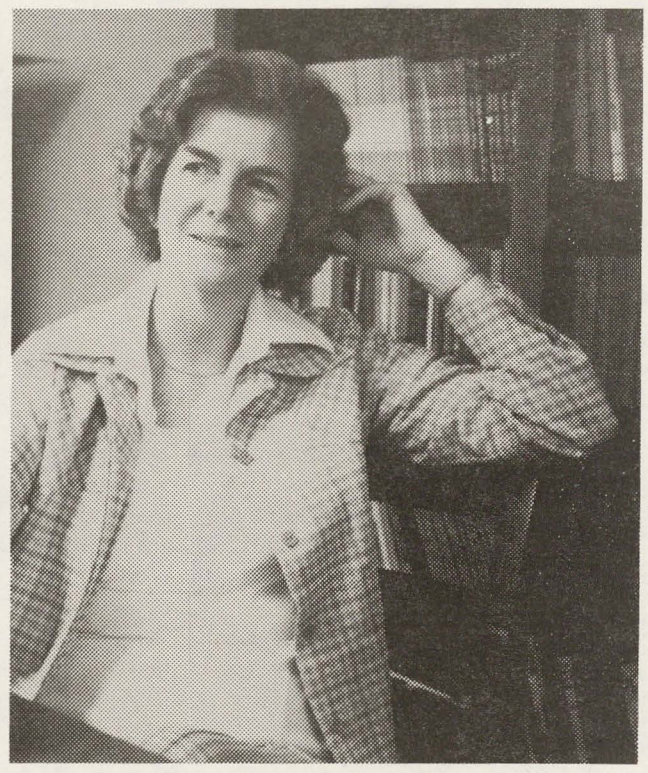
Sister Eileen, a Roman Catholic Dominican nun, is working as a Department of Army Civilian providing her services as a Director Religious Education for the Catholic community on the Presidio. Said Dunn, "I needed a change in my life. I had been in administrative positions for nine years in New York and also had taught in grade schools and high schools." The change in need for Sister Dunn was not a radical one. Her need to serve God remained, but her way of expressing that need became a need for involvement in religious education rather than school administration.

Dunn met a military chaplain one day. She told him about her desire to reach out to people by getting involved in teaching only religion. The chaplain tipped her off about the civil service director's jobs for religious education in military communities. "I got myself on the waiting list. Fortunately, I was called for an interview for the position here at the Presidio. I came here and fell in love with the place. I wanted the job." Eileen was offered the job, but she still had to get the permission of her Dominican order. After explaining her need for change, and explaining the requirements of her job, the order granted her permission to come. "You see, the order realized that the work I was going to do would benefit many people. That is what my vocation in life means—service to God and service to His people," she said. Although the sister is in a unique position, she continues to be affiliated with a convent here in San Francisco.

What does her job entail? Her main job is to establish and supervise classes for Catholic children who are going to public school. They include classes for children who are in kindergarten all the way to high school. Also, she conducts adult education classes and provides private instruction for adults to receive sacrament or to people who wish to convert to Catholicism. The sister also makes home visitations for social purposes and if the need arises, for support purposes.

Sister Dunn has been in the religious life for over thirty years. Usually, she does not wear her habit (uniform) here on the Presidio. Said Dunn, "The Presidio community is a small one. Most people who deal with me know who I am. The fact that I do not wear one now does not mean that I love God any less. It simply means that I find it more important to let people know about my love for God and my state in life, by action, and not by outward dress."

The effervescent Dominican is constantly on the move. "I love my work here," she said, "but as the years pass I hope to go on to minister to the sick and the aged."



DEDICATION. . . Sister Eileen Dunn, a Dominican Roman Catholic nun, works as a Department of the Army Civilian on the Presidio. Dunn has worked here for two years and has been in the religious life over thirty years. (Photo by Ted Elisee)

Don't lose sight

by Gerald DuBois, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

Most people when asked what sense they would not want to lose would probably reply: "The sense of sight."

Most would rather give up their sense of smell, taste and even hearing before giving up their eyes.

Yet, as important as the eyes are, few people go in for regular checkups and examinations.

Although eyes have a way of taking care of themselves, they are still subject to many defects and diseases. More than half the adult American population wears corrective eyeglasses. Thousands need eye medical care and surgery every year.

Two different visual specialties—ophthalmology and optometry—handle the defects and diseases of the eye.

Opthalmology deals with the anatomy, functions and diseases of the eyes and involves medical care and surgery. Optometry, however, is concerned only with the visual defects of the eye, plus prescribing and fitting corrective lenses.

An ophthalmologist is a physician, while the optometrist is not a physician but a doctor of optometry.

An optometrist treats eye defects by prescribing eyeglasses to correct such problems as myopia, hyperopia, presbyopia and astigmatism—the four most common eye defects.

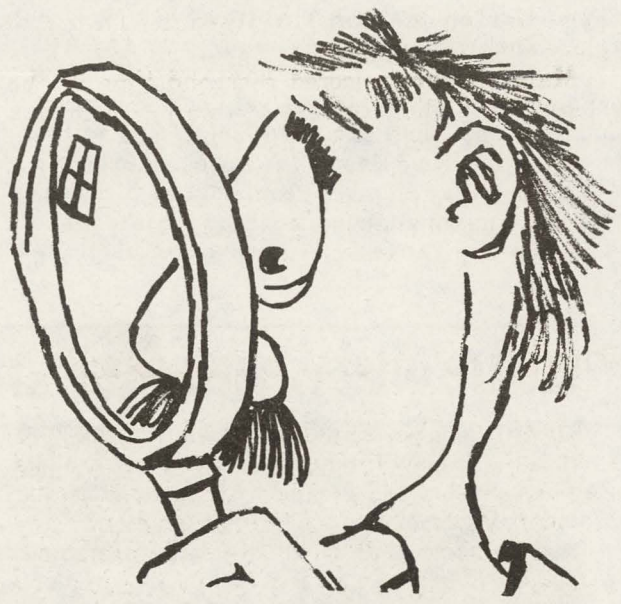
The first three are usually caused by a defect in the shape of the eye. In myopia—or nearsightedness—the eye is usually longer than it should be. The nearsighted person can see near objects well without glasses but needs eyeglasses for distant objects.

Persons with hyperopia—farsightedness—have shorter eyes than normal. While some of these people may not need glasses during their younger years, many patients with more than a small amount of hyperopia need glasses.

An individual's own lens will only compensate for small amounts of hyperopia before eye strain occurs. And all persons after the age of 40 or 42 usually need glasses for reading.

The need for different prescriptions for near and far vision, generally after age 40 is called presbyopia; patients get their first pair of bifocals when they develop this condition.

Astigmatism occurs when the rays of light entering the eye at right angles to each other are focused at different planes within the eye. Horizontal lines may look sharp while vertical lines are blurred or vice versa. This condition needs eyeglasses.



Many near and farsighted people also have astigmatism. The same pair of eyeglasses may correct both conditions.

Laser light is now widely used in eye surgery. The intense, amplified beam of light seals eye parts together—somewhat like a welding instrument.

Corneal transplants are necessary when the cornea of the eye (clear outer part of the eye overlying the iris and lens) becomes cloudy, thus blocking vision. The cloudy area can be removed and replaced with healthy, clear tissue from a donor. Corneal transplants depend on donations upon death from persons with healthy eyes.

Cataracts occur when the lens within the eye becomes opaque.

Glaucoma, an increase in the internal pressure of the eye, can cause loss of vision and usually affects patients 40 years or older. People over 40 should visit an eye clinic at least every two years to have their eye pressure checked, and yearly if there is a family history of glaucoma.

People can protect their eyes in many ways. They should not look directly at the sun, a welding arc or an eclipse. Protective goggles or safety glasses should always be worn when using saws, welders or other tools which can omit bright light or flying particles.

Sunglasses can be used in bright light such as at the beach, in the snow and on very sunny days.

Symptoms of eye disease include distorted vision, double vision, loss of vision, redness of the eyes, photophobia (sensitivity to light) and pain. When people notice such changes in their vision, they should visit an eye clinic.

Off Post

by Mariette Fillman

Saturday

Multihull craft will be racing the Bay waters just off the Marina Green in a **regatta** sponsored by the Multihull Racing Association and the Golden Gate Yacht Club today and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boats will be beached near Crissy Field for afternoon viewing.

McLaren Park's Amphitheatre hosts the **White Rock Band Concert,** noon to 5 p.m. The park is located in the southeast sector of the City at Mansell Avenue and Shelley Drive.

Sunday

Miss San Francisco Universe 1980 will be crowned in a **beauty pageant** amid the pigeons and seagulls of Golden Gate Park's band concourse (near Seventh Avenue). The rituals are slated to get underway at 12:30 p.m.

Following the pageant, more traditional entertainment reigns on the bandstand at 2 p.m. when the Golden Gate Park Band offers its regualar afternoon concert.

Grand National Livestock and Rodeo, Cow Palace, Oct. 26-Nov. 4. Tickets discounted from $6.50 to $5.50 will be available for performances on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27—dress circle reserved seats. These tickets may be purchased by all military, dependents, civilians, retired and reserve personnel.

Discounts are available to military personnel and their families for performances at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 7 p.m. for the Western style version of **"Taming of the Shrew"** at the Cannery Theatre at 2801 Leavenworth. Present your ID card at the box office, $8 tickets are reduced to $5.

Ice Capades discount coupons for performances at the Oakland Colisium on Nov. 20, 23, 24, and 25 are available for all military, dependents, civilians, retired and reserve personnel. Reductions are $1.00 on adult tickets and $2.00 on children's tickets for all priced seats. Pick up your coupons early and order your tickets early for better seats. For additional information, call the Rec Center daily after 2 p.m. at ext. 2000. Ticket sales and distribution of discount coupons are available everyday after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Sports

Scouts excel in meet

Presidio Cub Pack 77 won its district meet in the National World Series of Physical Fitness conducted as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Cub Scouting.

The fitness pentathon consisted of total sit-ups and push-ups in one minute, long jump, 50 yard dash, and softball throw for distance. **Damon Rich** won in the 10-year old division, 530-407. **Kevin Blake** was runner-up in the 9-year old class, 422-443. **Blake Svendsen** placed first in the 8-year old division with his 441-413 victory.

The victories gave the Presidio Scouts a Grand Champion ribbon and earned them the right to advance to the regional finals in Oakland. At the regional competition, Pack 77 placed second overall, with all three members of the team winning individual medals.

Damon Rich and **Kevin Blake** each won silver medals in their age groups. **Rich** had the only team individual first with 71 sit-ups in one minute. **Blake Svendsen's efforts earned him the bronze medal in his class. Each of the participants managed to place individually in a least two events.**

The Presidio's 1393 point effort in preliminary competition was recognized as the highest in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Volleyball

The Sports Branch is now in the process of constructing a USVBA post volleyball team for Class B or above competition. For further information, contact Mr. Ragasa or Mr. Fonez at ext. 5328.

Swimmers place well

The Aquarius Swim Team met the swim team of Moffett Naval Air Station on October 7. The Aquarians came out on top with a score of 271 to 49. All participating Presidio swimmers returned home with ribbons.

In the 10 and Under age group, the winners were: **Lisa Bell, Nick Russo, and Rocky Wicks.**

The 11-12 year old winners were: **Polly Slisz, Robin Wicks, Jackie Sowell, Lisa Mack, Margie Moore, Brian Tracy, and Mark Russo.**

Donna Hibbs, Delia Rivera, Carol Meshinsky, Sara Adams, Julie Adams, Melva George, Lena Neely, Michael Schneider, and Ken Smith were the 13 years old and up winners.

The Santa Rosa Swim Club sponsored an A-B Meet on October 13 and 14. Ribbons were awarded for 1st through 8th places in each race. Five Aquarians placed at this meet.

8 and under
Nick Russo-1st in 50 yard freestyle
11-12 years old
Robin Wicks-4th in 50 yard freestyle, 4th in 200 yard Individual Medley, 5th in 50 yard butterfly, and 6th in 100 yard butterfly
Mark Russo-1st in 50 yard freestyle
13-14 years old
Donna Hibbs-6th in 100 yard freestyle
Brian Russo-4th in 100 yard butterfly

Squash action

The annual post squash championship will take place in November. **Bob Horn** is the favorite. Strong challenges are expected from **Bill James, Thomas Egan,** and **Michael McConnell.**

Horn, the current champion, was recently honored by the Northern California Squash Racquets Association with the number one ranking in the Class B category.

Golf results

Jerry Peavy was the low medal winner in the annual civilian golf tournament played at the Presidio golf course. His 79 score was the best in the field.

Manuel Narag took top honors with 70 strokes in the Calloway system. **Clark Neil** and **Joe Barr** followed with 71 and 74 respectively. **Fred Horton** and **Don Thrailkill** tied for fourth place with 75 strokes.

Manuel Narag scored a second time in the closest to the hole contest by coming within six feet on the number 13, three par hole.

Fred Horton, next year's tournament chairman, promises next year's event will be a gala one with increased prizes and events.

Pioneers intersquad match

All military personnel and their families are invited to preview the newest sports team in the Bay Area—the San Francisco Pioneers of the Women's Professional Basketball League.

The Pioneers will be holding an intersquad game at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24 in the Post Gym No. 2 on Gorgas Street. An additional feature of the evening will be the distribution of coupons which will entitle everyone in attendance to a two-for-one discount for the Pioneers' debut on Nov. 27 at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

Golf tournament

The field is rapidly filling for the first annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament to be held at the Presidio Golf Course on Nov. 2.

"I'd say that we were perhaps at the halfway mark with entries," according to tournament coordinator Col. Dick Blake. "We're getting a good cross section of active duty military, retirees and civilians."

The entire $15 entry fee will go to benefit the 1979 Combined Federal Campaign.

The tournament, to be played under the Calloway system, will award prizes in four places in low net and low gross. There will also be two par three, closest to the pin competitions.

Players who wish to sign up for the tournament may do so now at the following locations: Presidio Army Golf Course office, Bldg. 347: Col. Blake's office, room 103, Bldg. 38; Lt. Col. Yelton's office in Bldg. 39 room 309; Lt. Col Huggins' office in Bldg. 35, room 305; Lt. Col. Katsuyoshi's office in LAMC's Bldg. 1014; Mary Gerken, room 210, Bldg. 220; Jerry Peavey, COMPACT, Bldg. 86; Edwina Todd, Finance, Bldg. 102, room 204; and Bob Mahoney, the offices of the Star Presidian, Bldg. 37.

Flag football

With the post flag football intramurals winding down, LAIR remains the only undefeated team. LAIR got past the sluggish USAG, 7-0. The game was a fierce defensive struggle. The lone score came from a **Hatton** pitch out to **Davis** who connected with his center, **Duppstadt,** who was all alone in the end zone.

LAMC No. 1 methodically subdued the Corps of Engineers, 20-0. The scoring combination of **Randolph** to **Weinstein** provided much of the damage. The game was highlighted by a 70 yard touchdown pass from **Randolph** to **West.**

Sixth Army improved its record to three wins, four losses, by defeating the 864th Engineers, 14-0. Brown was instrumental in winning the game. He passed for a two yard touchdown and ran in another from two yards out.

A five yard touchdown pass from **Rodgers** to **Garwood** with less than two minutes remaining in the third quarter was all the 864th Engineers needed to defeat the 504th MPs, 6-0.

Don't breathe easy now

An intense Coach Beckett discusses strategy with his LAIR team at half time. Player Duppstadt responded to Coach's plea and caught the pass that led LAIR to a 7-0 win over USAG (LAIR is now the sole leader in league play after beating USAG. LAIR was previously tied with USAG for the top spot.) Photo by Karl Gaffney

Presidio News Notes

'Candid Camera' taping

Soldiers and their families are invited to the Paramount Theater in Oakland at 3 p.m. on Sunday to be part of an audience viewing film clips of the television show "Candid Camera." Celebrities present will be Lonnie Anderson of the hit show "WKRP in Cincinnati," Valerie Harper, and master-of-ceremonies, Alan Funt. Bus transportation to the show will depart from the main parking lot behind COMPACT at 2 p.m. The bus ride and admission to the show are free.

Volunteer needed

A volunteer is needed to run the post Recycling Program. The work involves three to five hours the first Saturday of each month, and includes some telephone coordination and publicity work. All profits go to assist the post Dependent Youth Activities Program. This is an important and rewarding task, and it does not take a great deal of time. Also, it is a major contribution to the ecology effort, and makes the Presidio a nicer place to work and live. Call 561-5143 for more information.

Rec Center News

There will be a **Rock and Roll Dance** on Saturday, Oct. 20, with the popular group "Nimbus" from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The **Winery Tour** on Sunday, Oct. 28 will have a chartered bus departing at 9 a.m. from the Rec Center and will return approximately at 7 p.m. The wineries to be visited are Mondavi and Christian Brothers. The tour is limited to active duty and dependents, retired and reserve personnel may participate on a space available basis. A $2 deposit will reserve a seat on the bus.

Education Center News

The Education Center offers free tests worth between two and six college credits each, to active duty military personnel or reservists on active duty for at least 120 days. Not only do these tests save money, they give military personnel a chance to earn college credit outside of class in courses of their interest.

There are two different programs for military personnel to take advantage of: Defense Activity for Non Traditional-Education Support (DANTES) offers over 40 tests in various subjects including College Level Exam Program (CLEP) exams in English, social science, natural science, humanities, and math. The American College Testing Proficiency Exam Program (ACT/PEP) also offers subject exams in a variety of fields ranging from criminal justice to human resources management.

These tests are free to active duty military personnel. For more information, contact a college counselor at either the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, Bldg 1007.

Veteran's Office

Eligible veterans, survivors and dependents living in the Mission District are urged to take advantage of the services offered at the Veterans Administration's Vetreach or Outreach office located in the Jamestown Community Center at 180 Fair Oaks.

The Director of the VA's San Francisco Regional Office, H.H. Villalovos, said the Mission District Vetreach office was located in the Mission District to serve eligible veterans, survivors and dependents residing the in area.

The office , open Thursday only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., has Spanish as well as English speaking veterans benefits counselors (VBCs), Villalovos said.

A veteran does not need an appointment to see a VBC at the Vetreach office, Director Villalovos added.

"All they have to do," he said, "is to walk in off the street."

Fall clean up

The Presidio's Annual Clean up campaign will be conducted Oct. 26 through Nov. 2 throughout the post and its subposts.

The entire Presidio community is being called upon to pitch-in and help clean up the area around their office buildings and their quarters.

Through individual and group actions, the PSF community can by just cleaning up 25 meters on all sides of their offices and quarters and their internal work and living areas to get in the habit of practicing good maintenance habits.

There will be trash pick ups through the post and quarters area on Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Everyone is asked to lend a hand to the clean up effort to help keep the Presidio a beautiful place in which to live and work.

PA system needed

The Aquarius Swim Team, a Presidio youth activity, is in urgent need of a public address system in order to conduct swimming meets and train new swimmers at the Presidio swimming pool. Such a system would also be used by lifeguards during normal swimming hours for added safety and control. Any unit or individual willing to donate or transfer equipment such as a microphone, speaker, or amplifier, please contact Paul Adams, President, Aquarius Swim Club at (561-3527 or 2490) or contact Don Perez, Aquarius Swimming Coach, at the pool from 4-6 p.m., daily.

Movies

Presidio Theater

Oct. 20—Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (G)
Oct. 20—Superman (PG)
Oct. 21—The Concorde-Airport '79 (PG)
Oct. 22—The Concorde-Airport '79 (PG)
Oct. 23—Go Tell the Spartans (R)
Oct. 24—Lost and Found (PG)
Oct. 25—The Driver (R)
Oct. 26—Unidentified Flying Oddball (G)
Oct. 27—Unidentified Flying Oddball (G)
Oct. 28—Hot Stuff (PG)
Oct. 29—Hot Stuff (PG)
Oct. 30—Dogs (R)
Oct. 31—Brass Target (PG)
Nov. 1—Prophecy (PG)
Nov. 2—Prophecy (PG)

Schwartz Theater, Letterman

Oct. 22—The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again (G)
Oct. 23—The Villain (PG)
Oct. 24—Voices (PG)
Oct. 25—Players (PG)
Oct. 26—Superman (PG)
Oct. 29—The Concorde-Airport '79 (PG)
Oct. 30—Go Tell the Spartans (R)
Oct. 31—Lost and Found (PG)
Nov. 1—The Driver (R)
Nov. 2—Unidentified Flying Oddball (G)

Tennis tournament

The Presidio Tennis Club will be sponsoring a tennis tournament on Saturday, Nov. 10, with all proceeds going to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign.

Tournament seedings will be on the A. B and C levels. Tournament format will be double elimination pro-set for both men and women.

The first matches will begin at 8:30 a.m. All players will be notified of their first match time by November 9.

For more information regarding this tournament, contact Bentley Hill, 3536/3890.

Presidio Playhouse opens season on Oct. 26

Pamela Ciochetti is pictured in a tense monent in "VERONICA'S ROOM," which will open the 13th season at the Presidio Playhouse on Friday, October 26. The adult thriller is by Ira Levin, author of "Rosemary's Baby" and "Deathtrap." The production will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.: Thursday, November 15, at 8 p.m.; and Sundays November 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. Beginning Monday, October 22, the Box Office will be open at the Playhouse from 1-5 p.m., and 30 minutes before performances. For ticket information, call 561-3992 during Box Office hours.

Audiences are requested to neither reveal the plot nor the ending of the play, to preserve the secrets for others who attend. Latecomers will not be seated at all, due to the intricacies of the plot, and in respect to other patrons. "VERONICA'S ROOM" is recommended for adult audiences.

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Paid parking begins soon

Free parking for most civilian and military federal employees of the Presidio ends October 31.

Not all drivers will have to pay the $10 per month fees, however. Exceptions are allowed for employees on shift work, visitors parking in government-provided spaces, parking spaces at government housing, commissaries, post exchange, hospital, and similar facilities, van pools, and car pools of four or more, and government-owned vehicles and those used by handicapped persons.

The parking policy is designed to assist in conserving energy and improve environmental quality through expanded use of car pools and mass transit modes. The policy discourages one car/one person travel to and from work.

Although the "pay-to-park" policy for federal employees of the Presidio goes into effect Nov. 1, Presidio Commander, Colonel F. Whitney Hall, Jr. said "It will be another week before details are worked out and published."

The extra week is needed to give the program implementors more time to determine parking designations and prepare to enforce them. Target date for enforcement is set as Nov. 6. After that date, violations will be ticketed.

Parking permit sales will begin on Nov. 1. At press time the location for purchasing the permits had not been determined.

Col. Hall appointed the headquarters

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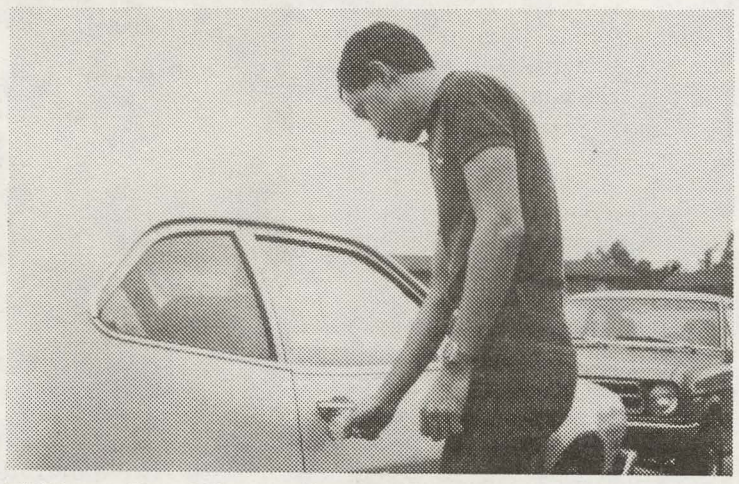

FEE. . . Presidio workers will soon find themselves paying for parking on post.

Slave Chaplain honored

by Pete Britten

Some days just drift by casually and appear to be uneventful until something really nice happens. October 20 was such a day and it was very special.

Presidio Post Commander Col. F. Whitney Hall Jr., signed a proclamation designating October 20 as "Colonel Allen Allensworth Day." This unique honor was for a former black chaplain who served here from 1902 through 1906. The idea was suggested by Deputy Post Chaplain Col. Paul Easley. He said, "I view Chaplain Allensworth as an humble servant of God and a fine gentleman." He continuously dared to dream dreams and sought to perfect his dreams with diligence and courage in order to help his fellow man," added Easley.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Allensworth was born a slave on April 7, 1842 in Louisville, Kentucky. Allensworth didn't let his being a slave deter him as he struggled to rise above the institution of bondage. With determination and a strong spirit, he taught himself to read and write in his early life.

Allenworth's military career began in April 1863 while serving as a male nurse attached to the Union Army forces. Later he joined the U.S. Navy and quickly reached the rank of First Class Petty Officer until he was honorably discharged on April 4, 1865.

After leaving the military service, he became extremely active in community life. He entered the ministry and was ordained by the Fifth Street Baptist Church on April 9, 1971 in his hometown.

Based on his teaching ability, experience as a pastor, character and devotion to people, Allensworth was appointed as a military chaplain by President Grover Cleveland on April 1, 1886. With the rank of captain, he served with a variety of organizations. Following his assign-

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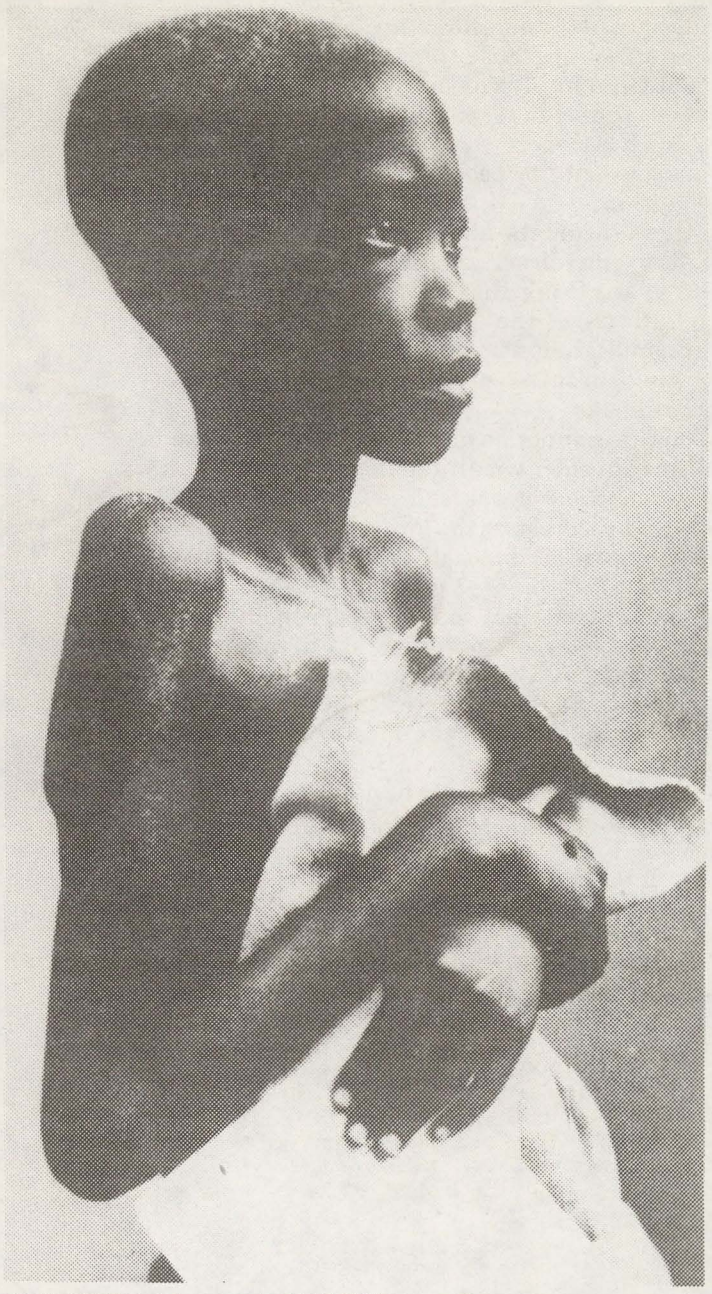

NATIONS IN A BREADLINE. . . Overpopulation is not just a word, it's reality for many developing nations. Each year sees 70 million more added to the human family. Most of them will go hungry. You can help through contributions to CFC. See your keyperson today. (Photo courtesy of I.S.A.)

Gen. Meyer

Improving our image in 80's

Much has been said and written about the Army's intention to modernize the force for the 1980's. But, what is this modernization going to include? How will it affect the individual soldier?

In an interview, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. E.C. Meyer, outlined his plans to explain that modernization process to soldiers and how they fit into the plans for the Army of the future.

"It's important that there be better understanding in the field of how the Army intends to modernize the force... When we're going to get new signal equipment, when we're going to get new intelligence equipment, when we're going to get new tanks and so on," Meyer explained.

"Therefore, in the near future, we're going to be sending a series of bulletin board-type posters to the field explaining the program for modernizing the Army and how people fit into that program."

"Any soldier will be able to look at these posters on their unit bulletin board and get an idea of what the Army in the future is going to look like," he remarked. "We want to insure that soldiers know what the big plan is for the Army so they may have a better appreciation for what they can do to help in implementing that plan."

Meyer stressed that not all his contact with soldiers will be through normal communications channels, although he will "continue to look at what's taking place out there through the chain of command and the inspector general."

"I'm trying to establish a climate through which the chain of command feels free to tell me what they really think the problems are. I will also continue to use the Inspector General to go around and take a look at those areas where their experience can be used effectively," he added.

"In addition to these communications channels, I want to open up communications through as many means as possible," continued the Army's top military leaders. "I'll continue to drop in on installations for unannounced inspections and discussions, and we are also going to use more media techniques to respond to questions from the field. We're getting questions from the field now that myself, the sergean major (SMA W. A. Connelly) and the secretary (SA Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.) can respond to using return video tapes."

"One of the things you get from soldiers in the field is that they're not getting enough meaningful training," Meyer stated. "Good training is not usually lumped in with quality of life issues such as pay and benefits. But, when I talk about quality of life, in addition to the important aspects concerning living conditions and way of life, I mean providing soldiers good equipment and then challenging them with good, meaningful training. I intend to focus my efforts concerning quality of life there because that is the area which gives purpose and value to the individual as a human being."

The Army's leadership is pushing to get overseas tour lengths reduced; and improving personal services such as the PX, the commissary, medical support, to help make living overseas an enjoyable and positive experience for the soldier.

"The manning shortfall that soldiers find in their units today is hopefully an occurrence of transition and I expect that we will overcome that shortfall within the next year and a half to two years," commented the General. "We are trying to get the resources to do that, including focusing on the two-year enlistment. We are going to take extraordinary steps on how squads are manned, how they are equipped and managed in the future."

"The organizational effectiveness concept is going to be important as we design

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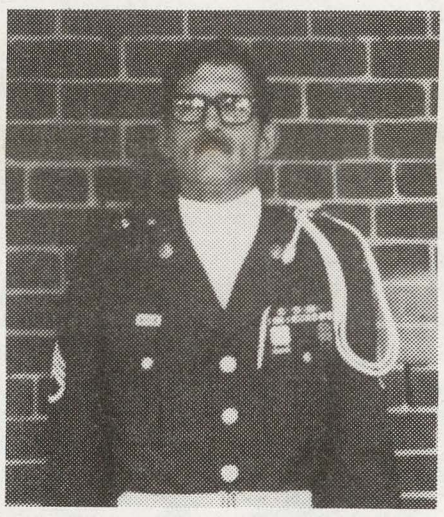
Ramblin' Sam

If you had a personal problem who would you speak to about it?

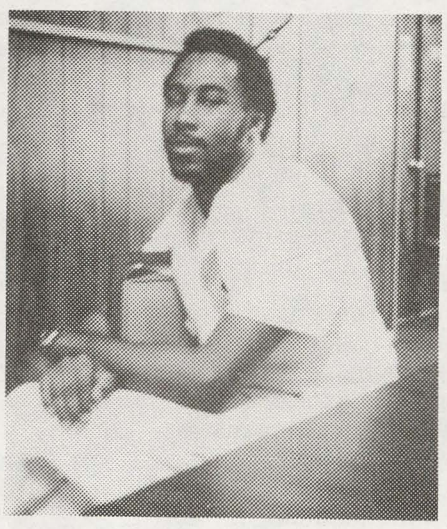
MSgt. J.T. Faison, Sixth Army, DCSLOG—"I would consult my Sergeant major for a work related problem, but for a personal problem (marital), I would visit the chaplain.

Alice Gascon, Transportion Division, "I would see the person involved or visit the chaplain depending upon the situation."



SSgt. Floyd Phillips, DIO—"I would read the bible to help solve the problem. Also I would consult my friends for advice to help me."

Sp4 Richard Allen, COMPACT—"I would consult my wife because we have an outstanding relationship."



Sp4 Anthony Patterson, USAG Dining Facility—"I would go through my chain of command to solve my problem."

Reader Opinion

Being a temporary resident of the San Francisco area and being assigned to the Presidio, I was pleased to read the news article on Police Chief Gains on his "War on Traffic Violators" (**San Francisco Chronicle;** Oct. 5, 1979) for San Francisco drivers. In my opinion, this is long overdue. Citations should not only be directed primarily towards MUNI and taxi drivers but to private citizens as well.

When will the Presidio wage a "War of Traffic Violators?"

Being a conservative driver, concerned with my safety and the safety of others, I am extremely tired of being "tailgated," almost run off the road by drivers crossing the center line, inconsiderate drivers who do not indicate turns, those who make illegal lane changes and those who have complete disregard for stop signs. There are those who are not physically disabled parking in blue zones, and there are drivers taking advantage of the Presidio's spacious parking areas (LAMC, for example) only to take a bus downtown to work. There is speeding in the housing areas, especially in the Fort Barry area.

I am confused as to why some drivers of military vehicles can be excused for not using turn indicators, using the Presidio streets like freeways, and darting out in front of oncoming traffic.

Where does traffic enforcement begin? When does it start?

MSgt. Stanley D. Drinnon

Problems?

by Sp5 L. G. Burley, 11th Armored Calvalry Regiment, Fulda, West Germany

Sounds like a personal problem to me."

Most, if not all of us, are tired of hearing that overused and cynical phrase. Most of us are even more tired of hearing that overused and cynical phrase. Most of us, are even more tired of experiencing it since some Army members apparently take that saying seriously.

This attitude involves many areas of a soldier's personal life. Problems such as pay, medical care, billets life, family matters and others are often regarded as bothersome at best because they do not directly affect the accomplishment of unit missions.

Likewise, individual participation in personal interests, such as sport competitions and education, take a very low priority because they are not "mission essential" either.

While these interests do not directly influence unit missions, they do directly influence an individual's morale. And, anything that adversely affects morale, indirectly influences the performance of a unit.

Unit accomplishments can be shown on statistical charts, by well maintained equipment, job proficiency and in other areas.

While morale cannot be measured visually, it can be reflected in equipment maintenance, job proficiency, reenlistment and other areas.

Support and interest in the "total" individual is one key to good morale, and morale is the key to unit success.

No one, no matter what rank or age, is going to contribute their best to any organization if they are not supported in return. For an individual to receive less support than he or she is expected to give in support of unit objectives, is a slap in the face to the individual and a disgrace to the Army.

The next time a subordinate approaches you with a "personal" problem or interest, think about it. There are no personal problems in the Army: they belong to all of us.

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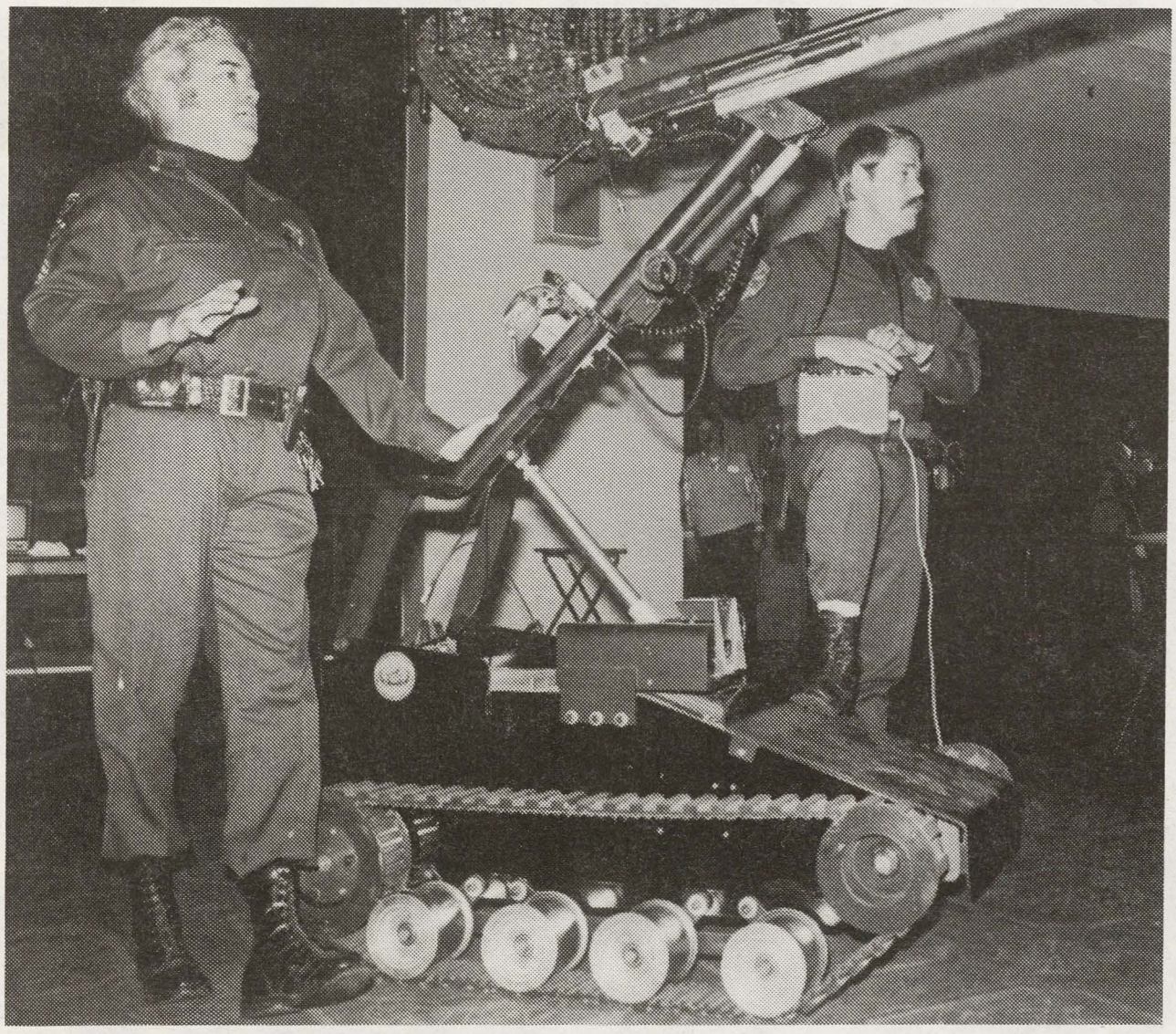

This machine *can* replace humans

Recently, Sgt. David Winn and Officer Steve Silver of the S.F.P.D. Bomb squad provided a 'robot' demonstration on post. The robot is used to disrupt explosive devices in place of humans.

Photo by John Green

Better safe than sorry

by Robert Payton

If you see something or someone suspicious in your area, report it to the Military Police. It may turn out to be nothing, but then the MPs would rather respond to nine "nothing" calls, than miss the "real" one.

Be wary of cars parked near quarters for long periods of time with the occupants still inside, and strangers "hanging around" or strangers going door-to-door.

Pay close attention to unusual noises or activity or strangers working in quarters while occupants are away. Don't hesitate to call the MPs if necessary.

When utilizing post facilities, be sure to secure personal valuables. Athletic facilities provide wall lockers that can be locked with a padlock. The gym and swimming pool managers even have a limited number of locks to loan out, but people should try to bring their own.

Letterman Army Hospital encourages its patients to secure their valuables with the Hospital Treasurer, especially when the patient has a large amount of money on hand.

Being security conscious will not only deter thieves, but also will reduce the number of valuables being misplaced. A great number of larcenies and lost property incidents could have been avoided if the victims had only taken the proper precautions to secure their valuables.

Take a little extra trouble to be security conscious. It will save a lot of aggravation later.

Allensworth

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ment as the Presidio, he retired as a lieutenant colonel. The significance of this achievement is that Allensworth was the second chaplain in history to reachthat rank and the first ever of his race.

At the completion of Allensworth's military career, he became a pioneer to establish a black town site which he held as a dream for his people. In 1908, Allensworth founded a community in the southwest portion of Tulare County.

The town grew in its infant years, but began to face difficulty because of the lack of irrigation water supply sufficient to the entire community. Despite a long court battle, the town was unsuccessful in getting the land developers to comply with the water supply clause.

Water scarcity acutely limited agriculture development and ranch work in the area. Because of this water shortage, many residents left to seek work in other areas during the period of 1920 to 1930. The remaining few citizens tried new techniques of farming and entered other businesses to keep the town alive. Allensworth did survive under this austere situation in the passing years only to face a serious crisis in 1966. With the finding of dangerous amounts of arsenic in the drinking water source, the survival of the town was in real jeopardy and the community appeared to be heading for a certain death.

Hope for the town was rekindled in 1969 and the impetus for rebirth came from Cornelius Ed Pope who lived in Allensworth as a child. While employed as draftsman with the Department of Parks and Recreation, he conferred with officials there on the feasibility of State Park status for the town. As a state-owned historic site, Pope envisioned that public awareness of California's Afro-American experience and contribution would be increased. With the help of many concerned citizens, the Legislature agreed that Allensworth should be preserved and approved a citizen committee to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation on preservation requirements.

Allensworth was officially dedicated by the State of California Park and Recreation Commission on May 4, 1976. "Colonel Allensworth Anniversary III" was held on October 20 of this year at the original town site. Chalain Easley represented the Army and the Presidio at the observance. He delivered a letter to the people of Allensworth from Army Chief of Chaplains, Major General Kermit D. Johnson.

TURN BACK. . . Mrs. Eilene Craig, Admin. Services Office, reminds all Presidio workers and residents to turn back their clocks one hour this Sunday at 2 a.m. Mrs. Craig publishes the Presidio Community News. To place ads, call her at 3601.

Meyer

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the Army of the future," Meyer continued. "As our Army has fewer people in it, the ablity to relate to subordinates, the ability to get the maximum out of every individual and every piece of equipment will become more and more important. This will be particularly true in eras of reduced resources such as dollars and manpower."

Because of reduced resources, the general emphasized the Army will have to do a better job of supporting its recruiters and explaining to the Army, and the American people that we have fine young men and women inthe Army, capable of performing our missions and objectives.

"We must do a better job of explaining that there is a positive aspect of service in the military," he offered. "We have to convince people, even those who believe in a draft, that we do have a volunteer Army and we're going to have to give it a chance to work. We have to take the steps necessary to get the quality and quantity of people we need in the volunteer force.

"We have to accept the fact that we have a volunteer Army. We need to do a better job of explaining to the American public and to its young men and women the opportunities the Army presents for service and personal development," Meyer continued. "In turn, we in the Army must provide that meaningful experience for the young person who comes in."

Parking

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commandant, Major William A. Vencill, as project manager for the parking policy. Vencill will organize, direct and supervise the program.

Plans still under consideration call for control of all current reserved parking spaces available on the Presidio. However, it will not be known for several days which parking areas will be designated for what type of parking.

Appraisers from Facilities Engineering and the Provost Marshal's office are surveying areas to determine allocation and assignment of parking spaces.

(Editor's Note: The new parking policy for the Presidio is being appealed to DA. As yet, no word has been received on that appeal. Many calls hae been received about the parking policy. We encourage letters to the Editor on this subject. We will attempt to answer questions posed in these letters.

A 'candid view' of Funt

by Ted Elisee

"Lights! Okay, get ready Allen, this is a take. Quiet on the set! Five, four, three, two-Cut!"

Allen Funt leaned forward and looked at the monitor. "Something's wrong with the lighting. I'm not satisfied with that take. Let's try it again," said Funt. "Okay, Allen," said David Yarnell, producer of the show.

Allen Funt, the 65-year-old host of "Candid Camera" came to the Bay Area last week. Funt, a New Yorker for most of his life, recently moved to Monterey, California. Between takes, Mr. Funt, graciously took the time to speak to me about his life and his upcoming special—"Candid Camera, Fresh."

"I've been doing the Candid Camera Show for thirty two years. I originally did the show for radio under the title of "Candid Microphone" and then began doing movie shorts under the name of "Candid Camera."

Allen, Mr. Candid Camera, was the originator of the idea for the successful "candid" segments. His off-camera demeanor was quite different from his on-camera personality. On-camera, Funt often appears bubbly, and forceful, while off-camera he was calm, pleasant—almost fatherly.

Each time Funt was called away from our interview, he apologized for the interruption, sat down before the cameras, pumped himself up into a jovial mood and performed without a flaw. The people around him obviously loved him. And why not? He knew them all by name, and touched them with his smile and in some cases, with a pat of the hand. Surprising me greatly, Funt would sit back down after a take and continue his answers to my questions without asking me to repeat myself. He continued his trend of thought, sometimes fifteen minutes after he left me.

He's a sentimentalist

Allen stated that he loved the Bay Area, and that he loved the Paramount Theater, where the taping for the special took place. He was obviously a sentimental man too. Eighteen years ago, while taping a segment in a San Francisco school, he caught a four-year-old girl with his camera. When asked what she did every night before she went to bed, the little girl replied—"I throw up!" Funt never forgot that little girl. While taping here last week, he looked her up, spoke to her and arranged for her to make a return appearance as a mature 22-year-old woman.

When asked what was the funniest segment that ever appeared on his show, Funt replied, "Oh, I believe it would have to be the motorless car series, or perhaps the talking mail box." In the motorless car segment, a woman would arrive at gas stations and complain of car trouble. The attendant would then open her car hood to check the motor, only, there wouldn't be any motor there! Obviously, the conversation that would ensue between attendant and driver would be hilarious. In the talking mail box, the box would do exactly just that. Many times, the person would get into an argument with the box!

More freedom now

Funt said that his format for teasing victims, who are caught by the camera, has changed over the years. "I have a lot more freedom, now. In the past, many of my filmings were censored, but I find it easier lately. Take for example this recent clip—"I went to a senior citizen home in San Francisco. They were seated expecting to watch a show. Instead, they begin observing a striptease. Well, the reactions are beautiful. Anyway, you'll be able to see that on my upcoming special."

Funt was called away to the set again. This time, they wanted him to observe a clip of Lonnie Anderson, a new star from "WKRP in Cincinnati." Lonnie, is in no way, a petite blond. She is an attractive woman, who was creating a raucous on the set. Everyone was watching her walk from point to point. She is aware of all the attention, but does not capitalize on it. In fact, she wisely asks for opinions and uses them to her advantage.

The lights are blistering hot, and the director asks a stand-in to take Lonnie's place. She smiles and moves off the set. She quickly grabbed her script and went over it again. Then the set was ready again she moved quietly to the mark on the floor that had been set for her.

The camera rolls again, and the transformation on Lonnie's face is almost miraculous. Suddenly, she is embarrassed and laughingly relating her story to the audience. Said Lonnie, "I had some problems with the kids at that school. I found that while I was out of the room, those kids talked behind my back. Instead of talking about my back, they talked about my front!" The camera stopped rolling and Lonnie left the set. Not a bead of sweat was on her brow. No makeup adjustments were made either. She obviously had a great ability to turn on and off. As she stepped towards the dressing room she flashed a smile and it was obvious the entire crew appreciated it.

Funt returned to the couch I was sitting on and appeared happy about Lonnie's performance. He went on to say that he was glad that the network was taking another chance on his thirty-two-year-old TV idea. "You know, it's amazing how many years I've been doing this. The network bought off on this special and I'm glad they did. I'm just going to do one segment at a time. If it goes well, I'll continue to do more." In the meantime, Allen is writing a book, selling segments for cable TV and promoting a new amusement park idea for using "Candid Camera" in an amusement park situation.

The room suddenly became a whirlwind of noise. Cameras and monitors were moving everywhere. Mirrors on the wall were being washed and taped with black masking tape (a technique used by cameramen to prevent glare from the lights.) Allen patted my knee and apologized again, but not before asking me to move with him to another part of the room. I thanked him for the interview. David Yarnell, the producer of the show, waved me over to his area so that I could observe the next taping.

'Rhoda'

Across the room, appeared a flashy dressed couple, who were obviously preparing themselves for a dance segment. The man twisted the girl around furiously and she responded quickly to his commands. To the rear of the dances is a long regally carpeted stairway. Standing on that stairway is the popular star of the TV show "Rhoda", Valerie Harper.

Harper is very thin. The pudgy woman of the Rhoda series has obviously thinned down dramatically and chose a strapless dress to show off her new look. Gone is the long styled black hair, also. She is now sporting tight curls tipped with blond highlights.

Now, once agian, the crew titters with excitement. Harper waves to the "gang" and makes her entrance. Immediately, her famous accent is heard around the set. She puts on no airs and is friendly to everyone. When she didn't recognize a face, she asked for the person's name—and she never forgot the name! Twice she called for cue cards and twice amidst all the confusion she called the cue person by name.

The crew loved her. They smiled and bounded to her every request. "Sweetheart" was a term she used freely, and it was obvious she was their "sweetheart" too.

Perhaps the highlight of the clip was Miss Harper's trouble with her mike. The microphone she was wearing was stuffed down her dress. During the segment, she was dancing a tango with little difficulty, or so she thought. Every movement that Harper made was ruined by the rustle of her dress. They had to do the take over and over. Valerie just smiled and laughed.

Between takes she joked with the dancers and kept up their spirits. She even asked if they were satisfied with the changes she made to the routines. She emphasized that she wanted to be sure they were satisfied with their exposure, too. It was obvious the dancers appreciated her concern and honesty.

At one point, Funt was not satisfied with the progress of the scene. Instead of yelling out his dissatisfaction, he called on his producer and calmly requested that the scene be redone. His hunch was right and Valerie told him so.

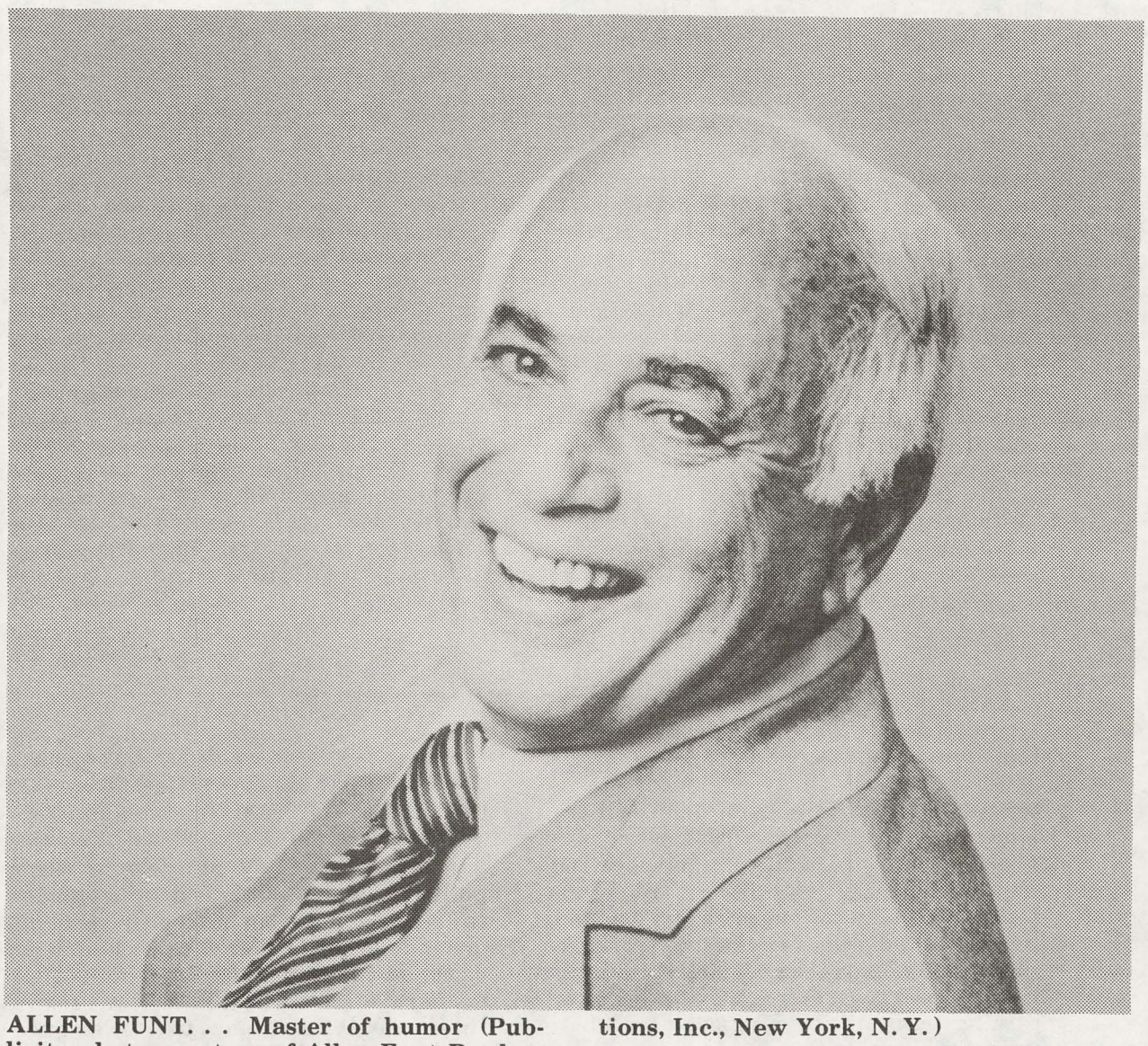
Upstairs, a large crowd was sitting in the main theater. They, too, were to play a role in the television special. They were to be the live audience. Funt was upset because they had been kept waiting far too long.

The master of humor

The crowd was impatient, but polite. Funt, the master of humor, knew he had to turn around the mood of the audience. With the wisdom of ages, Funt made a long appearance on the stage, relating the history of "Candid Camera" and reminiscing about the past. The audience was happy to see him, but not necessarily ready to forgive him for the delay. He was smart enough to realize this and pulled another trick out of his sleeve.

Five minutes after he left the stage, he had his producer introduce him again. This time he rewarded the patient crowd with an appearance of Valerie Harper and Lonnie Anderson.

Valerie was the first to speak. Her manner was superb. Realizing the mood of the audience, she started right in with her "Rhoda" type humor.



ALLEN FUNT. . . Master of humor (Publicity photo courtesy of Allen Funt Productions, Inc., New York, N. Y.)

and his Candid Camera

REWARD FOR PATIENCE. . . Valerie Harper speaks to the audience about her experiences as a 'woman with a strange quirk' in her filming segment for 'Candid Camera, Fresh.' Valerie posed as a woman who applied for jobs, but warned the interviewer that she saw a strange man with a snake around his neck who was always following her. Allen Funt and Lonnie Anderson of 'WKRP in Cincinnati: look on.

(Photo by Ken Juber)

She extended her arms, she winked her eye, and she smiled widely. She encouraged questions from the crowd and fielded them with a flare. There was no doubt she loved the people and the people loved her in return.

When Funt introduced Lonnie, the audience went wild. Wolf whistles were heard from all angles and the clapping just wouldn't quit. Her coyness fit her image and she didn't say too much or too little.

Funt returns

After twenty minutes on the stage, the producer managed to convince Funt to return to the set. Funt, shoved his hands in his pockets and looked disturbed. He raised his eyes to the cameraman and said, "I've got to go back out and speak to those people. They've been so patient." Funt returned to the stage and showed three clips from his vast library of "Candid Camera" segments.

It was obvious that Funt's sentimental attitude came forth after the clips were shown. He looked out over the audience and thanked them for watching the film with him. He bowed sincerely and left the stage for the last time.

Back on the set, Funt wiped his brow for the first time. It had been a long day, and it wasn't over yet. David Yarnell, the producer approached me and expressed his regret about the length of the day. I smiled and thanked him for the opportunity to see the cast in action.

Funt smiled at me and waved. It was obvious that my day was over. Slowly, I walked away. At first I was disappointed about not getting an interview with Harper and Anderson, but then the disappointment seemed to fade away.

After all, I had spent the good part of the day with them—and so I left the Paramount Theater with a Candid Camera Smile.

(Editor's Note: "The Candid Camera, Fresh" will appear on November 6, 1979. Consult your local TV directory for time, and station. Part of the live audience were Presidio residents who were transported to the Paramount Theater by Allen Funt Productions.)

Funt smiles 'candid'-ly

Allen Funt, the creator and producer of **"The New Candid Camera"** show, has been doing one thing and doing it well for nearly thirty years. Since the birth of **Candid Camera** in 1947, broadcasting has graduated from radio to television and Funt has been hiding microphones and cameras from unsuspecting victims all over the world. Victims and audiences alike have loved it.

Funt's preoccupation with catching people off guard and making them laugh at themselves has taken many forms. Soon after the initial success with **Candid Camera,** a top-rated TV show for many years.

How does one prepare for a career hiding cameras, dreaming up crazy situations and delighting people with their own foolishness? Funt's early years give no clues. Born and raised in the Bronx and Brooklyn, Funt graduated from high school at the precocious age of 15. Too young for college and eager for a career in art, he attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn before Cornell, from which he received a BA in Fine Arts in 1934.

After graduation he attended Columbia University School of Business Administration and then returned to Pratt for additional courses in art. This led to a job in the art department of a advertising agency. He subsequently became a copy writer and then joined the radio department, where he found his true call in life. He became a radio idea man, dreaming up gimmicks for shows.

During World War II, the Army Signal Corps put Funt and his radio experience to good use for five years. While in the service, Funt experimented with the then young art of location recording using wire recorder, the predecessor of today's tape recorder. The portability of the contraption led Funt to try out various concealment techniques. The happy result was **Candid Microphone** which premiered on ABC Radio soon after Funt left the Army.

Funt, who never regarded himself an actor, soon found himself playing a key role in the program disguised as a dentist, garage mechanic or some other occupation, serving as the catalyst vis a vis the unsuspecting subject whose candid reactions to unusual situations were recorded.

Candid Microphone soon gave birth to a television version, **Candid Camera,** which appeared at one time or another on all three networks and in England, Germany and Canada. Sequences for the series were filmed all over the world, including behind the Iron Curtain. The program was on network television until 1968, when Funt went to work on "What Do You Say To A Naked Lady?"

Funt, his wife Marilyn and two small children (he is also the father of three grown children by a previous marriage) live in the apartment overlooking Manhattan's Central Park. Whenever they can, they like to get away to their country place in Croton-on-Hudson, where Funt indulges his love for horseback riding and painting, sculpture and woodworking,.

Funt has turned over to his Alma Mater, Cornell, the entire library of **Candid Camera** recordings and films, together with a grant to make this material available the world over for research and other academic uses.

He has also established a Fellowship at Syracuse University for post-graduate studies in radio and television aimed at providing the broadcast industry with qualified black personnel.

Called "The second most ingenious sociologist in America" by no less an authority than super-sociologist David Riesman in his book, "The Lonely Crowd," Funt thinks he must be kidding. Nonetheless, he must be doing something right.

Woman paves way for many

by Doris Davidson, Fort Huachuca

Hidden beneath Army fatigues and a telltale smudge of grease lies the insatiable determination and curiosity of Army Sgt. Frances Mouser, a "third echelon mechanic" and the first woman ever to crack the Army's "for men only" field of auto mechanics.

That was in 1973, says Mouser, currently an instructor at Fort Huachuca's post auto crafts shop. "That's not even new today. Now there are hundreds of women in the automotive mechanics field."

It was back in those days of '73 that she picked up a local newspaper and spied an ad for Army truckers. She looked up the people of the "neighborhood" Wichita Falls, Texas, Army Recruiting Station and signed on the dotted line for an aptitude test.

"Nineteen men and five women took the examination for the Mechanic Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) that day," Mouser said. "I got the top score of 121. The average was 98," she grinned.

After Texas, it was a long trip across nearly the entire United States to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. where Mouser was to learn "the grueling mechanics of the trade." The course study included the workings of engines, transmissions, electrical systems, power-steering and everything in-between. Study aids consisted of trucks, jeeps, tanks and "whatever else the Army moves on the ground," Mouser said.

But even 1973 wasn't the start of Mouser's mechanics jaunt... a trip that was to eventually win her top mechanic responsibilities. That really began when she was about two-years-old and "investigating" her childhood toys.

"If it moved, I had to know why," Mouser said. "From the time I was a kid, I had to find out just how a toy worked, how it was put together and why it did the things it did. By the time I was five I was taking clocks and watches apart 'to see what made them tick'," she said, inserting a pun. "And I always got them back together again, too."

When her family moved from rural Kentucky "to the city," she found herself wanting not for new things to repair. Now, they were the neighborhood cars, the rudiments of what was to become Mouser's automotive career.

"Most of the neighborhood kids had jalopies that were always breaking down," she said.

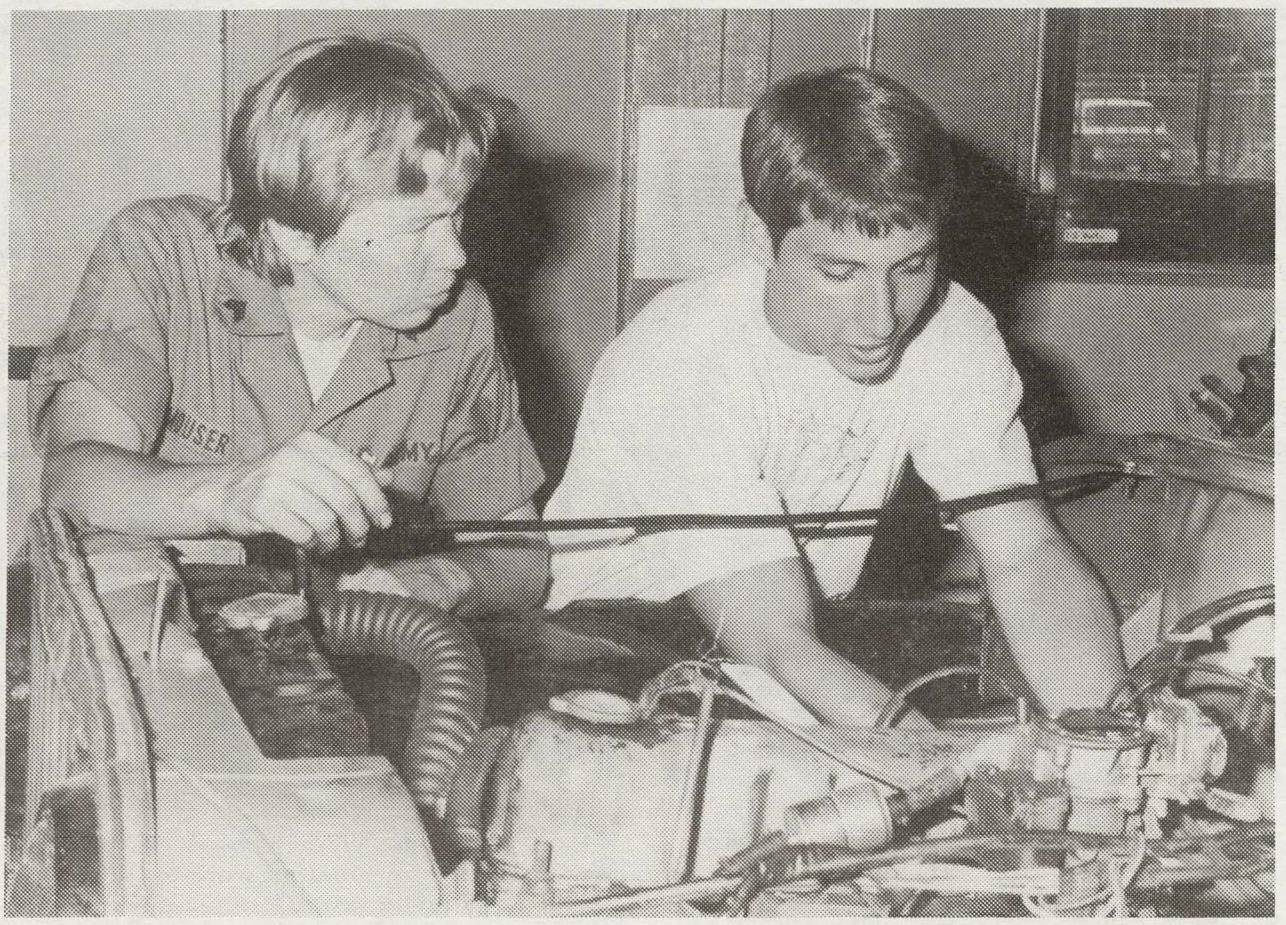
Besides her present duties, Mouser has driven diesel rigs and school buses, and in her last pre-Fort Huachuca assignment, was noncommissioned-officer-in-charge (NCOIC) of "the motorpool's 'cannibalization' section."

"That was in the Canal Zone of Panama," she said. Her section was "the graveyard of military vehicles," a stockpile of machines that had gasped their last, rusty carbon monoxide breath and whose only purpose was to supply used parts for those vehicles "still performing duty."

Today, Mouser is busy giving auto shop classes and inspiring soldiers and future mechanics to further the pursuit of their favorite romance... the "care and feeding" of their mechanical charges.

She also enjoys reading military history and poetry, collecting seashells, rock hunting and doing photography. She's divorced with "three children," two sons, 15 and 16 years old, and "Baby."

"That's what I call my bright, red Honda motorcycle," she laughed, "Baby." To her, it's almost like a third child, her special "pride and joy."



FINAL STEPS... Army Sp4 John Smariga gaps has spark plug system in the final steps of overhauling the engine of his 1973 Jeep under the watchful eye of post auto crafts instructor Sgt. Frances Mouser (left). The first woman to ever crack the Army mechanic field, Mouser has a long-standing yen to break things down.

Fighting false advertising

The ad looks great. It is just what you want for that birthday or Christmas gift. And the copy says, "We will send the custom-made, quilted bread basket within 10 days."

If the ad says, "within 10 days," that's when the company must send it, according to a Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rule. And if the company cannot send the merchandise when they say they will, they must give you the option of cancelling the order and getting a full refund.

Of course delays can sometimes happen. In that case, the seller must tell you when the new shipping date will be and give you the option either to cancel the order and get a full refund or agree to the new shipping date. The seller must also give you a stamped envelope or postcard to send back your answer. If the delay is less than 30 days and you don't respond, it means you agree to the new shipping date. But, if the delay will last longer than 30 days, you must respond. Otherwise, the seller will consider your order to be cancelled.

Because so many types of things are sold by mail order, it is impossible for one rule to cover all types of merchandise. So these rules do not apply to mail order photo finishing, magazine subscriptions, and oher regular deliveries, such as material from book and record clubs, except for the first shipment. Nor do they apply to seeds and plants.

The FTC has an updated pamphlet that spells out your rights when you order by mail. For your free copy of Shopping by Mail, send a postcard with your name and address to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 690G, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Here are some other tips to help you protect yourself:

- Investigate the advertiser's claims if you can, and check the return policy.
- Note the delivery time stated, and allow enough time to get the merchandise you are planning to give as a gift.
- Keep a copy of the order blank with a note of the date you sent the order, what you ordered, and your check number.
- Finally hold on to your cancelled checks or charge account records. If you have a problem later, these papers will be necessary to prove your side of the case.

And if you do have a problem, contact your local or state consumer protection office, the consumer protection office nearest the company, or your local post office. They can often help you resolve your complaint.

Elves write for Santa Claus

Volunteer Air Force elves from Detachment 2, 11 Weather Squadron, will again this year conduct their Santa's Mailbag Program to send letters from Santa Claus to children throughout the world.

Anyone who would like a child to receive a letter from Santa postmarked from the North Pole should first write the letter they want their child to receive from Santa Claus. Then, the letter plus a stamped envelope addressed to the youngster and meeting current Postal Service requirements (minimum size: 3½" highx5" long) should be mailed to: **Det. 2, 11 Weather Sq., Santa's Mailbag, Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702.**

Letters must reach Eielson no later than December 10, 1979.

This year marks the silver anniversary of the Santa's Mailbag Program. During the first 24 years, Santa's volunteer elves, currently numbering about 25, have processed around 235,000 letters, reaching a peak last year when they handled more than 25,000.

Off Post

by Mariette Fillman

Autumn blooms abound at the **Fall Flower Festival** in Ross' Marin Art and Garden Center. The display is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Herds of goats and hosts of ghosts are expected tomorrow when the San Francisco Zoo celebrates **Great Pumpkin Day,** 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Adult admission is $2, children under 15 are free; admission to the Children's Zoo is an extra 50¢ for all ages. Parking is free, but you may find public transportation more convenient: take Muni bus number 28 south from the Presidio and transfer on Sloat Boulevard to a westbound number 18; the zoo is located at the foot of Sloat adjacent to Ocean Beach.

Sample Austrian cuisine and culture on Sunday at **"Vienna—A European Symphony"** on Fort Mason's Pier 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Music, art, history, and food are showcased in this event, which continues through November 4. Admission and parking are both free.

Grand National Livestock and Rodeo, Cow Palace, Oct. 26-Nov. 4. Tickets discounted from $6.50 to $5.50 will be available for performances on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27—dress circle reserved seats.

Ice Capades discount coupons for performances at the Oakland Colisium on Nov. 20, 23, 24, and 25 are available for all military, dependents, civilians, retired and reserve personnel. Reductions are $1.00 on adult tickets and $2.00 on children's tickets for all priced seats. Pick up your coupons early and order your tickets early for better seats. For additional information, call the Rec Center daily after 2 p.m. at ext. 2000. Ticket sales and distribution of discount coupons are available everyday after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Sports

Team sponsors swim-a-thon

The Presidio Tennis Club will be sponsoring a tennis tournament on Saturday, Nov. 10, with all proceeds going to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign.

Tournament seedings will be on the A, B, and C levels. Tournament format will be double elimination pro3set for both men and women.

The first matches will begin at 8:30 a.m. All players will be notified of their first match time by November 9. For registration, contact Ralph Cruikshank at ext. 3023.

Tennis tournament set for Nov. 4

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, the Aquarius Swim Club will sponsor a swim-a-thon.

All proceeds collected by Aquarius swimmers will be donated to the Presidio Combined Federal Campaign.

The swimmers will swim from noon to 4 p.m. on pledges of 10 cents a lap. One lap or length of the pool is 33 1-3 yards. Each of the swimmers on the team has been asked to swim at least ten pool lengths. The team is expected to swim over 20,000 yards.

Ribbons will be awarded to all swimmers. Refreshments will also be available.

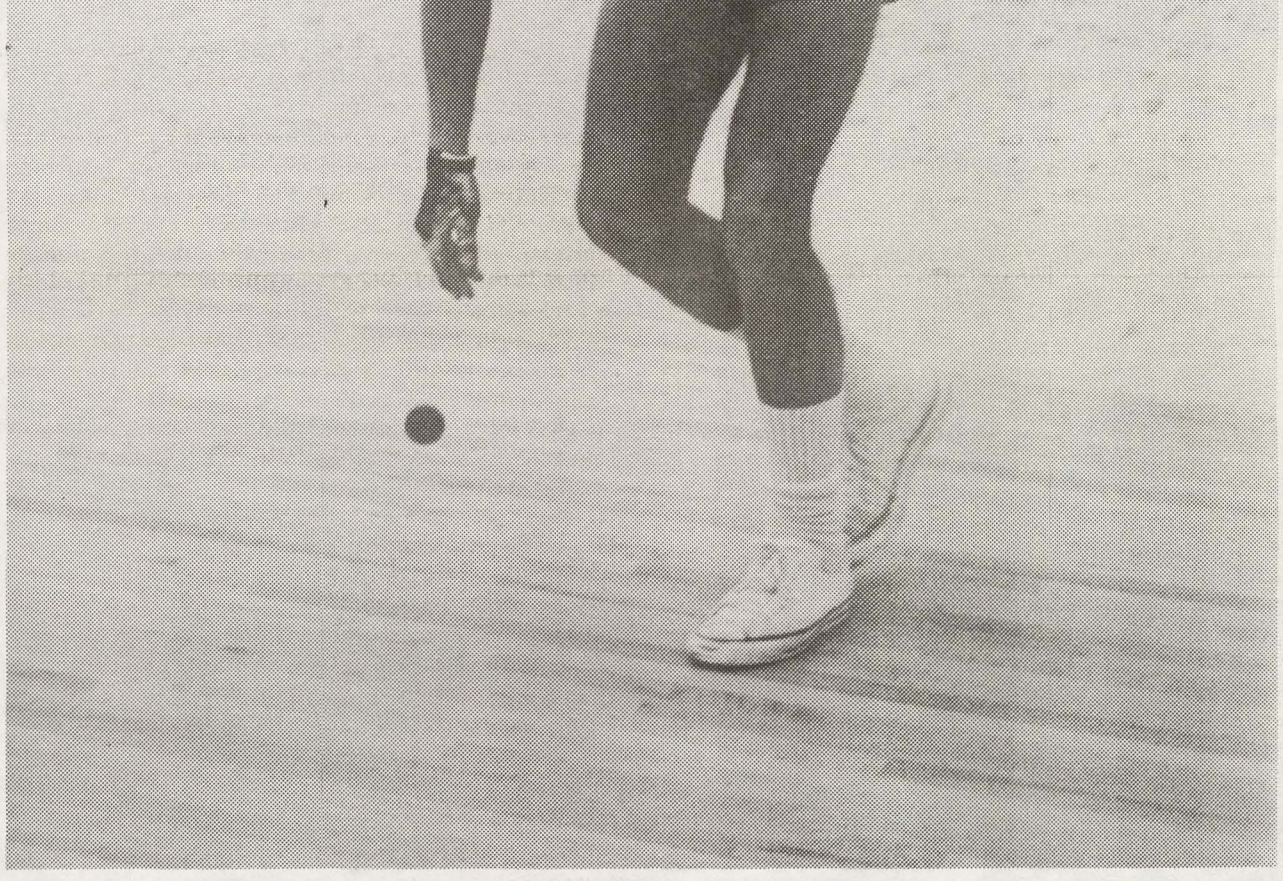
Any other youngster who would like to join Aquarius in the swim-a-thon can do so by coming to the Presidio pool between noon and 4 p.m.

Flag football finals begin Monday

In the final week of regualr season play, three of the four teams for the championship playoffs have been determined. (LAIR (9-0), USAG No. 1 (8-1) and LAMC No. 2 (7-2)

These are currently five teams in contention for this last spot. (Corps. of Engineers, 666th Radar Sgdn., 6th Army and 864th Engineers.)

This is double elimination tournament which will start next week with two games on Monday and Tuesday 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Games will be held on P.X. field which is located behind the Post Library.



Lapins is handball champion

HANDBALL. . . In a match, which included many grueling and intense rallies, Nick Lapins (LAMC) (pictured above) emerged as the victor in the Post handball championship over Pat Brady (Readiness Region Nine). The scores were 21-13 and 21-6.

(Photo by Karl Gaffney)

FLAG FOOTBALL. . . LAIR's Jim Hatten gets ready to receive the ball in a game against the Corps of Engineers. LAIR won the game 14-0. (Photo by Karl Gaffney)

Benefit golf tourney planned

The field is rapidly filling for the first annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament to be held at the Presidio Golf Course on Nov. 2. However, according to tournament coordinator Col. Dick Blake, "I need many volunteers to help as administrators for the tournament. These administrators will be instrumental in running a smooth competition."

If interested, contact Blake at 4722 or 3973.

The entire $15 entry fee will go to benefit the 1979 Combined Federal Campaign.

The tournament, to be played under the Calloway system, will award prizes in four places in low net and low gross. There will also be two par three, closest to the pin competitions.

Players who wish to sign up for the tournament may do so now at the following locations: Presidio Army Golf Course office, Bldg. 347: Col. Blake's office, room 103, Bldg. 38; Lt. Col. Yelton's office in Bldg. 39 room 309; Lt. Col Huggins' office in Bldg. 35, room 305; Lt. Col. Katsuyoshi's office in LAMC's Bldg. 1014; Mary Gerken, room 210, Bldg. 220; Jerry Peavey, COMPACT, Bldg. 86; Edwina Todd, Finance, Bldg. 102, room 204; and Bob Mahoney, the offices of the Star Presidian, Bldg. 37.

'Foghorn'editor celebrates anniversary

by Don Terry

Thomas A. Edison once said, "I never did a day's work in my life—it was all fun."

This statement could also apply to Gloria Hetherington who has been editor of the Fog Horn for 20 years this month. (The Fog Horn is a semi-monthly publication of Letterman Army Medical Center.)

Hetherington thoroughly enjoys her job as editor said Gloria, "I can't think of any other job that I would rather have."

Hetherington first started in the newspaper business while attending St. Cloud State College in Minnesota as an English major. "I worked on the St. Cloud Daily Times, a city paper, as a writer in order to help put myself through college."

After graduating from college, Hetherington continued on the Times for about a year before getting the urge to move to another job or location. "I had visited San Francisco when I was in high school and I knew that's where I wanted to live," she said. Also, "When I got restless, I knew that San Francisco was the city where I wanted to go."

After arriving here, Hetherington worked in a large department store. "I was working there about 12 months before I even heard of the Presidio and then it was only because a friend told me that they were hiring clerks that I decided to investigate the job situation," she said.

Hetherington applied for a job on the Presidio and was hired as a staff writer for the **Star Presidian.** "We used to publish a list of new births during the week and one of my assignments was to pick up the list of the births from the Letterman Public Affairs Office each week," commented Hetherington.

Three years after she started working on the **Star Presidian,** Hetherington was offered the job of editor of the **Fog Horn.** "During my weekly visits to Letterman PAO, I had a chance to really get acquainted with the personnel there, so when the job came open, I was happy they offered me a chance at the job."

At the end of her 90 day probation period, Hetherington went before a board with two other individuals to determine who would get the job. Now she is celebrating her twentieth anniversary as editor. "I remember when I first started, it was a lot of fun and a challenge. I had to learn all about the Army."

An unknown author once said, "If it isn't worth working at it, it isn't work being in."

After twenty years, Gloria is glad she's found "worth in working."

DECISIONS. . . Deciding how paper can be pleasing to the eye is one of many problems facing editor, Gloria Hetherington. (Photo by Janet Fedors Novak)

Presidio News Notes

Clean up called

The Presidio's Annual Clean up campaign will be conducted Oct. 26 through Nov. 2 throughout the post and its subposts.

The entire Presidio community is being called upon to pitch-in and help clean up the area around their office buildings and their quarters.

Through individual and group actions, the PSF community can by just cleaning up 25 meters on all sides of their offices and quarters and their internal work and living areas to get in the habit of practicing good maintenance habits.

There will be trash pick ups through the post and quarters area on Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Everyone is asked to lend a hand to the clean up effort to help keep the Presidio a beautiful place in which to live and work.

Fanfare at O Club

A **Halloween Party and Dinner** will feature the Wacky and Unusual Hokum Jeels on Wednesday October 31, 1979. A special menu will be provided as well as a la carte selections. Prizes will be provided for best costume, most original costume, person coming from the longest distance, and best recipe having to do with Halloween. Make reservations for this exciting evening by calling 561-4260.

Polynesian Luau will be held Wednesday, November 7. Chief Tapu and his Island dancers will provide music for dancing and a Royal Dance Show. Don't miss this night of Fun, Food, and Island Fantasy. Reservations are a must for this sell-out event. Dinner served by Chef John from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at three seatings on Thursday, November 22. Reservations may be made for dinner at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

During November, **Party Line** will again provide the dancing disco beat to move your feet in the Attic Lounge every Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Ed Center offerings

The Education Center at Fort Scott is open up to 13 hours a day, five days a week. The Universal College Program there has five individual TV cassette positions available for college-level study all that time—some 300-plus hours per week with 20 courses being offered.

The UCP is brought to the post by Azusa Pacific College; it is fully-accredited and VA/TA approved and can lead to an Associate of Arts degree which you complete on your own schedule. Or, you can take just a few courses for your own edification. Keep in mind that a certain amount of previously-earned credit may be transferred in towards the degree, credit by examination is acceptable, and military skills may also be creditworthy.

Well-regarded professors from such colleges as Notre Dame and the University of California as well as Azusa Pacific have prepared both TV-taped lectures and coordinated workbooks for courses like psychology, the lively arts, and criminal justice.

Mid-term and final exams are given when you feel you are ready to take them.

Check it out; this may be the flexible college opportunity you have been waiting for. Call ext. 3958, or drop by to meet George Young, the new Azusa Pacific Program Coordinator at Building 1216, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CPR offerings

A class in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) will be given in two sessions in Bldg. 97 on Nov. 7 and 9 from 8 a.m. until noon. Another class will be offered on Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Those interested in attending either class should contact the Red Cross office at ext. 2187 for sign up.

Rec Center happenings

The Rec Center's adult version of a Halloween Party, **Occult Party,** will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. Occult consultants for this fun program will be a personologist, psychic, palm reader, and astrologer. For details of the program and an appointment time, call the center after 2 p.m. daily. Do come and participate. The party is limited to those on active duty, dependents (over 19 years old), retirees, and reservists.

The **Winery Tour** on Sunday, Oct. 28 will have a chartered bus departing at 9 a.m. from the Rec Center and will return approximately at 7 p.m. The wineries to be visited are Mondavi and Christian Brothers. The tour is limited to active duty and dependents, retired and reserve personnel may participate on a space available basis. A $2 deposit will reserve a seat on the bus.

Mailing overseas?

If you want that mail to get to your buddy or cousin at an APO address, be careful and insure you have the correct information.

Mail sent to overseas without a correct and complete address will be returned to the sender.

Due to staff reductions, military postal personnel will not be able to correct improperly addressed mail sent to APO locations.

The U.S. Postal Service has agreed to return first class and other mail to the sender if not correctly addressed, but postal officials stress that government and private mailers should insure that all mail has a complete and accurate address. The address must include the current unit designation or individual's unit and box number and the five digit APO number.

Check limit raised

Customers can get more cash with personal checks in post exchanges now, according to Soundra Bourne, Presidio exchange manager.

Authorized customers are now able to cash personal checks of up to $100. This change doubles the previous maximum dollar amount of checks which customers may cash per day at exchange facilities worldwide.

"There will be no change in the acceptance of checks for amount of purchase or in check cashing identification procedures," explained Bourne.

The raising of the dollar amount allowable is in response to customer requests and recognizes the continuing rise in prices. Bourne added that the cashing of checks for customers is a free service of the exchange.

Outdoor activity

The Big Rally is back. The RV (Jamboree Rally) will be available starting Nov. 5. Reservations will be taken on Oct. 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Active duty soldiers may make reservations 30 days in advance. Retirees may make their reservations 15 days prior. For more information, call or come by the Outdoor Recreation Center in Bldg. 92, ext. 4324.

For the outdoor lovers, or for those who just want to get away for a few days, the Outdoor Recreation Services Division has the answer—a Condominium at Lake Tahoe. Anyone interested in using the condominium should contact the center by calling 4324 or 4356.

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Pay to Park policy is in effect

The **pay-to-park** policy for federal employees of the Presidio began on Nov. 1,in accordance with Department of the Army instructions, but not all procedures for control of parking spaces have been worked out.

"The implementation of the parking policy here at the Presidio is in two phases," said Maj. William A. Vencill, headquarters commandant and parking project manager. "The first step was to designate spaces reserved for employees permit parking. We determine that those existing parking spaces now marked 'reserved' will become permit parking spaces," Vencill explained.

According to Vencill, permits are valid post-wide and holders may park in any available space reserved for employees. "Parking will be on a first-come, first served basis," he added.

Employees are restricted from parking in those spaces reserved for general officers, visitors,official vehicles and vehicles specially-equipped for handicapped people.

The second step of the parking policy will go into effect later this month. This phase will designate parking spaces for visitors and patrons

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Becoming a hero on a day of leisure

by Ted Elisee

Becoming a hero is not all in a day's work, but when you are out for a day of leisure and become a hero, then that day becomes "real work" and "something to be commended."

Becoming a hero on a day of leisure is exactly what happened to PFC Ronald Corbet, 170th MP Co., who hails from Covina, Calif. Corbet was walking along the rocks near Cliff House with his sister and her friend on October 21. While they were enjoying the breeze from the water, Ron noticed something floating in the water. At first, he couldn't tell what it was, but suddenly it became clear that what he was viewing was a body. Said Corbet, "I thought the person was dead, but I couldn't really tell. My first reaction was to go ahead and get the person out of the water."

Corbet bolted into the cold water and took the woman by the hand. He had to fight a strong current to pull her in, but he managed to do just that. "There was sand all over her face, and she was bleeding," said the MP. I just made sure she was breathing and tried to make her comfortable. My main concern was hypothermia, because the water was so cold. I covered her up while my sister ran to Cliff House to call for some help."

The MP hero returned to his barracks after all the excitement. He did not tell a soul about his experience. In fact, when he got back to his barracks, he just changed his clothes and went back out to sight see with his sister and her friend.

It was the police who let Ron's company commander know about the life saving exercise. When asked how his company commander reacted to the news, he replied, "The commander was surprised and asked me if I went around and did this every day without telling anyone."

Corbet, who has been in the Army 26 months, was previously stationed in Alaska where he began a degree in Computer Programming. He likes his job, but finds the number of hours for duty tiring.

PFC Ronald Corbet will be recognized for his heroism by being cited by the General Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on November 7, 1979.

Ron Corbet will be honored by the GGNRA on Nov. 7 for heroic action. (Photo by Ted Elisee)

Did you hear the one about. . .

Mrs. Hertha Auras (left) chats with Mrs. Laura A. Loberg during a recent luncheon at the second annual Senior Citizen Festival. More than 200 senior citizens toured the Presidio and enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and visiting with friends at the NCO Club.

(Photo by Tina Juber)

An urgent call for more help

The final blood drive for 1979 will be held Nov. 7 at the Presidio Education Center at Fort Scott and at the NCO Enlisted Club from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All types of blood are needed at this time.

"The holiday period at the end of each year is extremely critical in terms of blood availability," according to Lisa Cater, who is the blood drive liaison between Presidio and the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of San Francisco. "Every time someone donates, someone benefits."

The drive will be conducted by the Irwin Blood Bank. The bank supplies blood to hospitals throughout the Bay Area, including Letterman Army Medical Center.

Blood use at Letterman alone exceeds 1500 units during each three month period. The quarterly blood drives at the Presidio have recently increased dramatically but are still somewhat short of reaching the 1500 unit per quarter use rate.

Cater added that "With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, we hope that people will get the giving spirit early and will help to make this drive the most successful in the history of the Presidio.

Blood cannot be taken lightly. According to Cater, "Science has taken tremendous strides in the last few years, but the only known source of blood is the human body. That is why we depend on people to keep our reserve blood supply readily available."

Both military and civilian personnel can donate with credit being given to either the military or the civilian group account with Irwin. All personnel are eligible to draw on these accounts when the need arises.

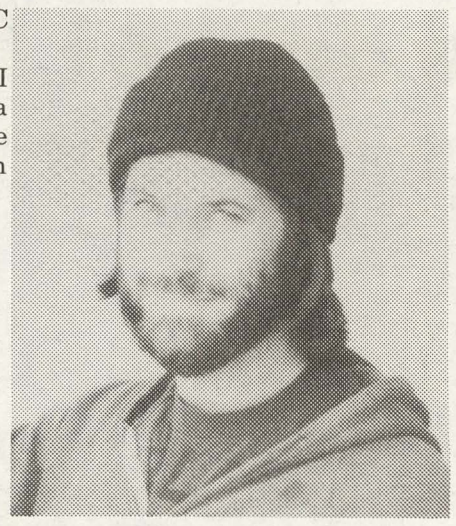
For more information on this quarterly drive or on your eligibility to give, contact your local blood drive representative. They will also be able to schedule an appointment to give.

Ramblin' Sam

How do you feel about paying to park at the Presidio?

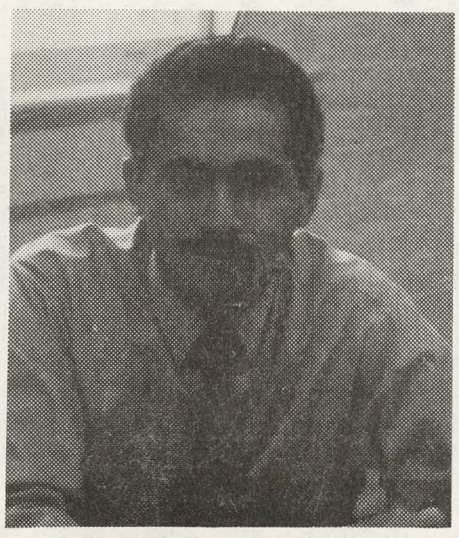
Robert Freer, Flower Shop—
"I don't have any opinion. Once in a while I drive to work. Parking is not one of my problems."

Roy Perazzo, USACC Agency—
"I don't like it at all. I don't think it is fair a motorcycle should be charged the same as an automobile."



Sp5 Arnetta J. Burton, LAMC—
"I don't feel we should be paying $10 a month. It's too much. It should be $5 and not $10 unless we get some back on our income tax.

Karl Gaffney, Post Gymnasium—
"If it would discourage outside people from parking here, yes. But I think people who work here shouldn't have to. Maybe they should get stickers for our cars. I'm sure other posts have this system already.



Sp5 Jose L. Perez, Welcome Center—
"I think it's ridiculous. Why should a service member pay for parking on a military installation? Uncle Sam is taking enough out of our pay checks as it is."

Command Time

For some weeks now, the Star Presidian has reported stories of people helping people through the Combined Federal Campaign.

These reports often centered around the Presidio and how certain families or organizations have benefited from funds provided by the CFC headquarters. No doubt, when your keyperson approached you for your contribution, your reaction was one of concern. But perhaps your concern was for your own financial situation. In these days of inflation and budgetary constraints, it is easy to focus on our own back accounts and to forget those who are less fortunate.

Realizing that it is rather tough for us to give our money to others is one thing, but imagine how tough it must be for those who are really in unfortunate situations. How about those who are handicapped by disease and really cannot afford to better their living conditions? No one is going to beg for your support. No keyperson can twist your arm. Only, you, the contributor holds the key to happiness and dignity for thousands of others in our society.

Sometimes, we think about the problem of never really seeing our donated money being put to work. Perhaps we want to see our contributions put into action. That can be done.

One example of the Presidio community benefiting from CFC money is the Post Day Care Center. Thousands of dollars have been allocated to the center by CFC so that a position could be created for a Family Development Specialist who will offer his or her services to the Presidio and to the Bay Area Community. This job position is being established so that a proper care facility will continue to be maintained. Through the United Fund part of CFC, the entire Bay area is served.

Every donation made is optional. You can give directly to the CFC fund for general use, or you can name a particular agency for receipt of the money. The agency will even acknowledge the gift, if you request. I urge you to give to help others less fortunate.

Reader Opinion

There are some people working for the Facilities Engineer here at the Presidio of San Francisco who use their vehicles in the course of daily work. They do not charge the Government for gasoline used or any other expenses connected with the use of a car.

In some cases, insurance conditions of insurers prohibit the use of the car in the course of work, but some people are taking their chances. By using personal cars, workers save a tremendous amount of time, as waiting for post taxi (both ways) would slow-down the work output. One truck that we have is insufficient for the number of users at this office. I doubt if someone will be willing to pay for parking and continue to use his car as heretofore.

Those who choose not to pay the parking fee will park outside the Presidio and will not risk losing the spot they park in by moving the car during the day. The Government will gain $10 a month, but lose in pay. When you call a taxi you have to wait for it outside as the driver is not going to look for his fare in the offices.

Leon von Hauffe
Mechanical Engineer

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Shoppers, stop unshopping

by Ted Elisee

Prices at the commissary may remain cheaper than outside stores, but shoppers may find themselves continually paying a higher surcharge cost—if they don't watch out!

"Shoppers just don't realize some of the damage they cause by neglect and unthinking actions," said Mr. John Rose, Presidio commissary manager. "All of our customers pay for losses indirectly because losses are paid for by the surcharge fund," he added.

Have you ever reached for a can of juice and instead of grabbing juice you picked up mushrooms? That's probably because some unthinking person has decided that he or she didn't want the mushrooms and just put them back on the shelf far away from where they were displayed.

According to Rose, "the commissary spends approximately four man hours per day 'unshopping' that is, putting back merchandise in its' proper place!"

Rose is concerned about the 'unshopping' problem at the commissary. It is not only inconveniencing commissary workers but also all shoppers. The "unshopping" problem was also brought to light in a recent "Dear Abby" column:

Dear Abby:

This letter may be of interest to those who are constantly complaining about rising food costs.

I am a clerk in a chain grocery. Yesterday I spent three hours picking up items off shelves where they didn't belong, because somebody decided they didn't want them after all and just put them down any old place.

Now just who do you think is paying me for three hours labor to do this?—YOU—the consumer, that's who!

All right, forget the wages. Let's talk about the TV dinner someone left in the cereal aisle. When found, it was partially thawed out and not fit for resale. Or the carton of milk that was left standing out of the cooler for half a day. Or the cellophane wrapped pork chops someone had put on top of the spices. These items are spoiled and must be thrown out.

But who pays for them? You do! So, the next time you go marketing please put those unwanted items back where they belong, and help keep prices down. And it might not be a bad idea for grocery store managers to post this at the cash register. It may help.

FOR LOWER PRICES

Dear For: It may not help, but it can't hurt.

ABBY

Well the point has been made by the commissary manager and by Abby Van Buren herself. What do you think, commissary shopper?

(Editor's Note: Our thanks to Miss Van Buren for granting permission to us to reprint this letter from her column.)

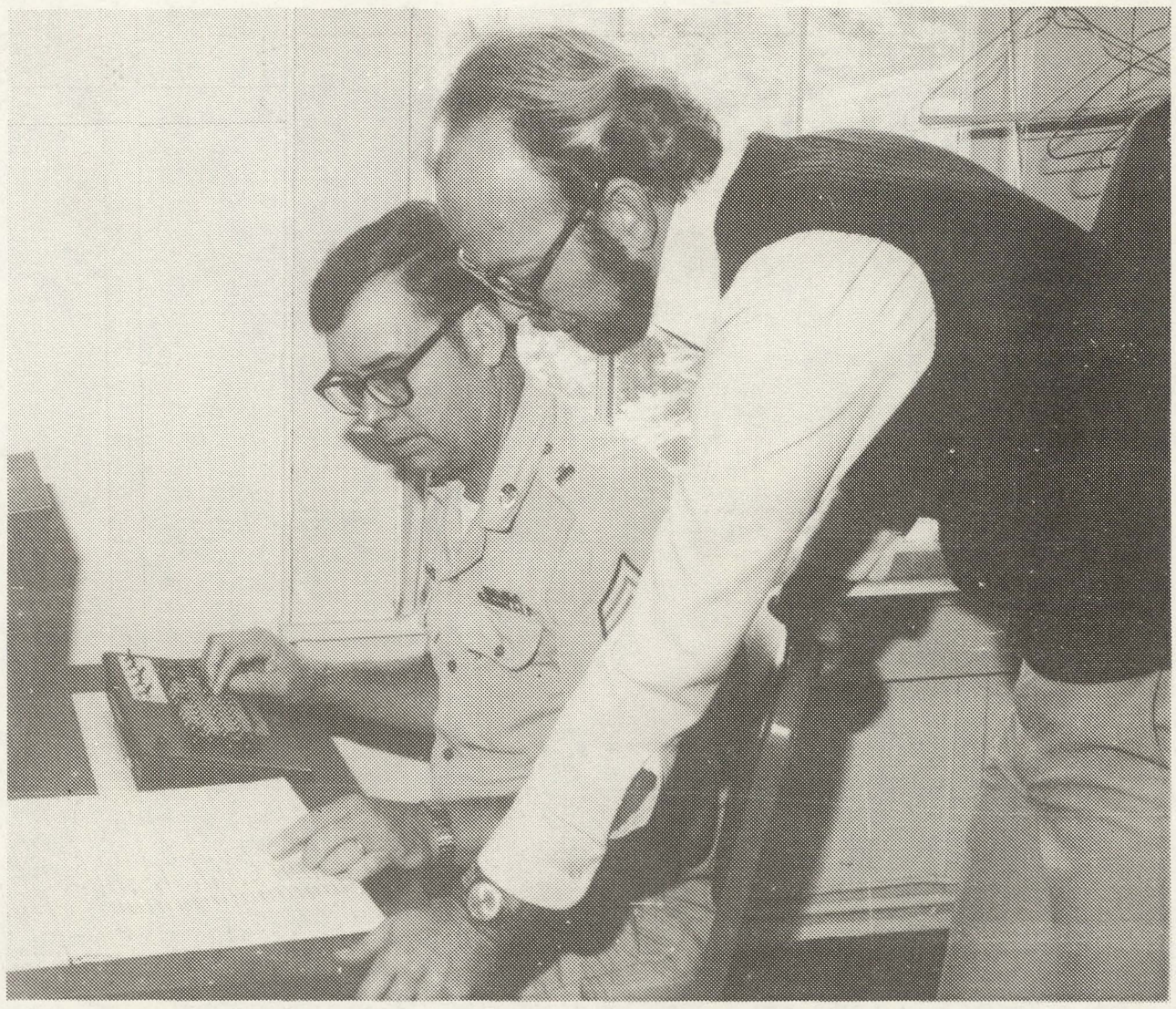
CONUS to CONUS is reinstated

Beginning November 1, first term soldiers stationed in CONUS can reenlist for a guaranteed 12-month assignment at another CONUS station, according to SFC John Hayes, post reenlistment NCO.

"The CONUS to CONUS station of choice option is available," said Hayes, "As long as there is an opening in the soldier's grade and primary MOS at the new station."

This option was available to first termers up until April 1, 1975 when it was discontinued because of a shortage of travel funds, officials said.

A test conducted from Jan. 1, 1979 through May 1, 1979 indicated reinstating the option will mean about 2,000 additional reenlistments each year, according to a DA spokesman. "Soldiers stationed overseas already have the option of reenlisting for a CONUS station of choice," added Hayes.



TEAMWORK. . . Cooperation on an idea developed by Cartwright and McHenry has made them a bit richer.

(Photo by Tony Rose)

Teamwork ends in pay off

by Tom Tiernan

Who says teamwork doesn't pay?

SFC Marion Cartwright and Mr. Bernard McHenry are $370 richer because they "teamed" up and wrote a suggestion to help the Army save money.

By suggesting that the post consolidate six computer runs onto one, the two DPCA employees saved the Presidio more than $17,500 for the first year.

The suggestion was then forwarded to Forces Command where it is being considered for further implementation.

According to McHenry, an 11-year veteran of government srvice, the DA program for SQT information was not working at the Presidio, and so the two suggestors had to develop a program for application here.

"Because of the Presidio's unique support mission, it's multiple commands, and the wide location of its soldiers, the DA computer program just couldn't be used here," McHenry explained.

"To use the DA program we wre running six computer runs and getting further behind," states Cartwright, an 18-year-Army veteran.

A year and a half ago, the two developed a special program just for the Presidio. When other installations began having similar problems, the pair realized that their program could be adopted on a wider basis and submitted it for consideration through the suggestion program.

Since submitting the program, the pair have been contacted by DA officials to see if the program can in fact be adopted for wide use.

Parking

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of the post exchange, commissary, hospital and other service failities. Once established, these areas will be supervised to insure that they are used only for the designated purpose and the three hour limit.

Vencill is working with the project manager at Letterman Army Medical Center to help determine allocation of parking spaces there. "The absence of reserved employees parking spaces and limited parking for hospital visitors and patrons presents special problems requiring additional consideration," says Vencill.

Signs denoting what type of parking is allowed in designated parking spaces will take some time to manufacture, according to Vencill. "The numbers and types are also under consideration," he said. "For example, each activity must determine how many official vehicle or visitor parking spaces are to be reserved and how many signs are needed," he added.

Parking permits went on sale Nov. 1 at the Post Staff Duty Officer's office on the main floor of the Provost Marshal's building (Bldg. 36). Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

The 4 x 6 in. parking permit card for the month of November is pink. The color of permit cards will change monthly.

"The parking permit card is to be displayed on the dashboard so it can be seen through the windshield from outside the vehicle," said Vencill.

According to Vencill, violators will receive advisory notices beginning Nov. 6. "After Nov. 15, violators will be cited," Vencill added. Repeated violations may result in suspension or revocation of parking privileges for the violators.

Presidio employees are encouraged to form carpools. Carpools of four or more will be exempt from paying the $10 monthly parking fee. Carpool permits can be requested on a disposition form which is approved and forwarded by the activity director for whom the employees work. Each member of the carpool is required to sign the request.

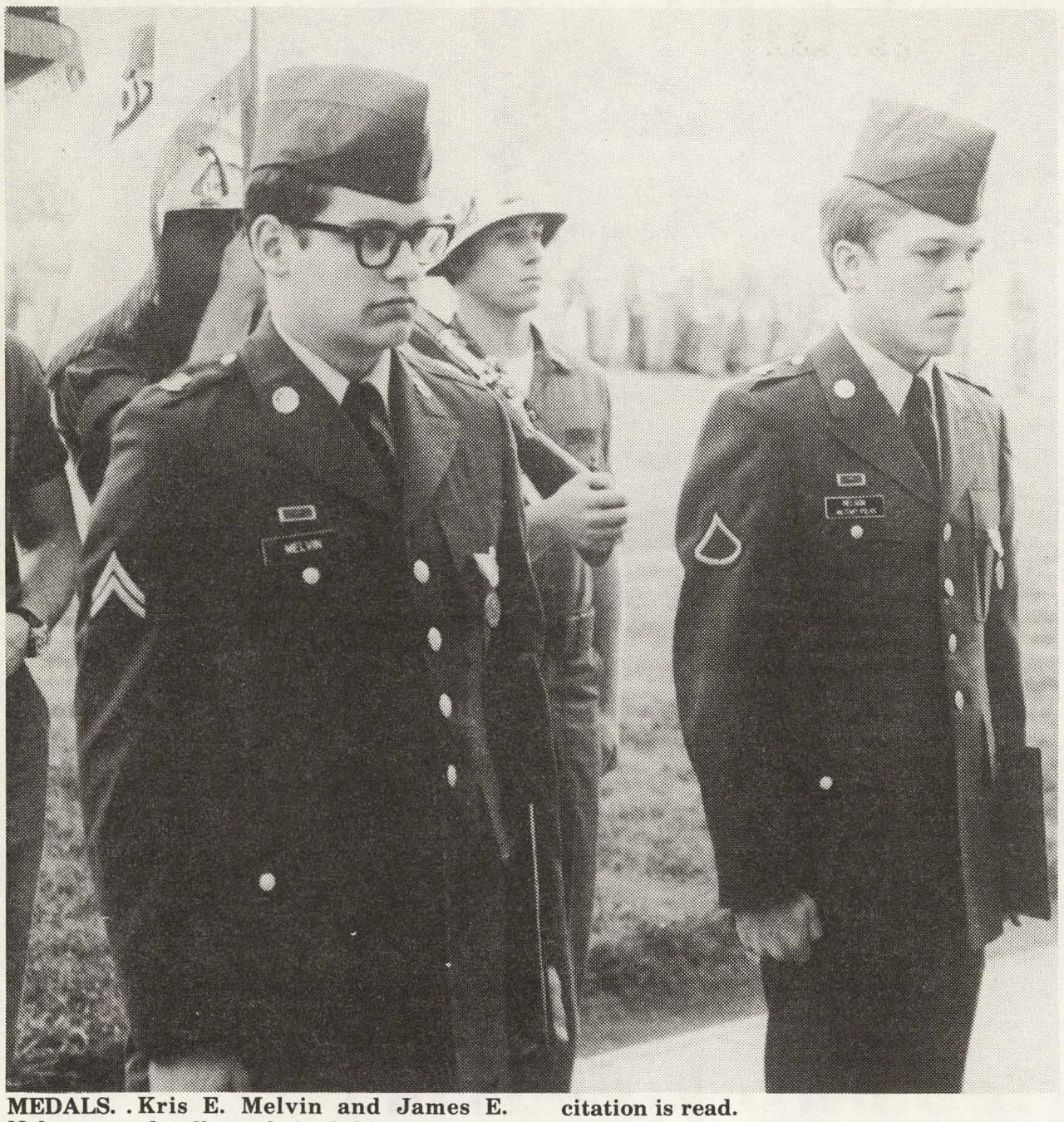
Assistance in establishing or joining carpools is available at the parking permit purchasing station located in the Provost Marshal's building.

In a 'town-hall' type meeting at the Post Theater at 1 p.m., Nov. 8, Col. F. Whitney Hall Jr., post commander, will answer questions concerning the parking policy and its enforcement. "All interested employees of the Presidio—military and civilian—are cordially invited," Hall said. "I am open to good ideas on how we can implement the parking policy instructions I have received."

The impact and implementation of the parkng plan will be discussed with labor unions representing employees of the Presidio at a consultation meeting on Nov. 7.

The Department of the Army is considering an appeal forwarded last month from the Presidio to reverse the pay-to-park decision.

"The pay-to-park policy is unpopular here at the Presidio, but we will follow the intent of the directive," Hall says. "However, everything we can do to accommodate our workforce and still remain within the spirit of the directive will be done," he added.



MEDALS. . Kris E. Melvin and James E. Nelson stand tall as their Soldier's Medal citation is read.

(Photo by Tony Rose)

Soldiers receive honors

Two Presidio soldiers have been awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest award for "heroism that involves the voluntary risk of life under conditions other than those of conflict with an opposing force."

Corporal Kris E. Melvin and PFC James E. Nelson of the 163rd MP Company were presened the medal in ceremonies held tuesday at Fort Scott.

The two soldiers were honored for saving the life of an elderly man who accidentally drove his car into San Francisco Bay on Nov. 24, 1978.

The two soldiers, who were returning to the post from a sightseeing tour at Fisherman's Wharf, observed the car moving backwards and falling into the bay, with the driver still inside.

Melvin and Nelson quickly stripped and jumped into the freezing waters and swam to the car which was still floating on the surface.

As the car began to sink, the two military policemen tried to get the driver to open the window. Unable to understand, the victim opened the window slightly which caused the car to sink faster. The suction began to pull the two down with it. Nelson and Melvin fought their way free and swam away from the car to gather their strength.

The two soldiers then swam back to the car and were finally able to get the window open and pull the victim out.

In addition to being awarded the Soldier's Medal, Melvin and Nelson were presented the San Francisco Police Department's Citizens' Meritorious Conduct Award, the city's highest award for citizen heroism, by Mayor Dianne Feinstein in March.

Old system is now revamped

by Bob Mahoney

Job description of civilian employees at the Presidio are currently undergoing a transition from the old narrative system to a new Factor Evaluation System (FES).

Briefly, FES will address nine basic factors common to all occupational specialties. These factors range from basic knowledge of the job to complexity to physical demand.

According to Janet Roselle, chief of position and pay management at the Presidio's civilian personnel office, "FES is currently being applied to secretary, clerk-stenographer, clerk-typist, medial clerk, clerk dictating machine transcriber and equipment operator positions."

She adds that the system will eventually cover all general schedule civilian positions in the federal government. Occupations already covered include nursing, dental assistant, mail and file clerk, accounting technicians, diagnostic radiologic technologists, environmental and mechanical engineers and chemisty positions.

The entire federal classification system is expected to be converted with five years.

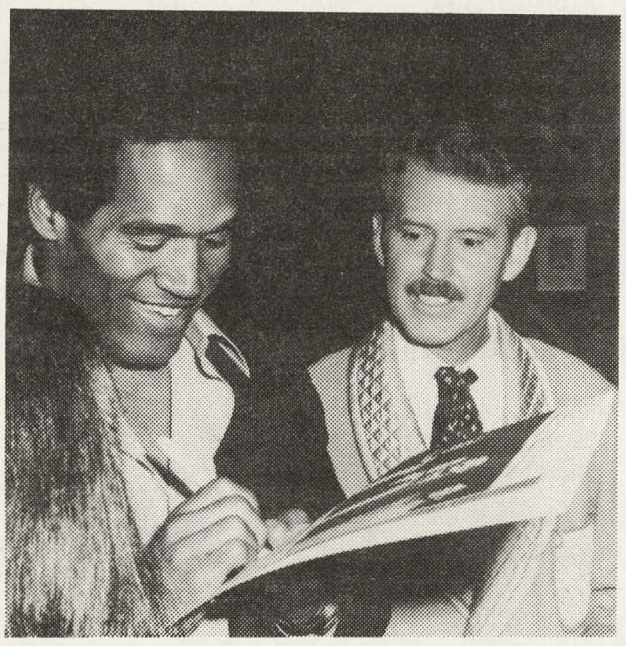
Roselle contends that "although the system appears to be complicated, in the long run it will actually simplify the classification procedures. Right now, the only thing being done is that we are changing the format of the job description. We are not changing the job."

The FES will not result in reclassification of positions which were properly classified under the old system. "However," Roselle continued, "at the same time as the new standards are being developed in FES format, the occupational fields are also being studied for updating. This allows us to keep pace with technological changes in the specific occupations.

"Changes resulting from the updating, not from the FES system, may—and I emphasize may—impact classification of positions, both upwards and downwards."

The advantage to the conversion will be uniformity in that all positions, regardless of grade and type of occupation, will address the same nine factors and both position descriptions and position classification standards will be written in uniform factor format.

Roselle concludes that it will also be "easier for employees and supervisors to understand and relate to a standard that is in the same format as their own position description. The FES will give everyone a better understanding of the whole job concept as well."



The Juice Connection

O. J. Simpson made a surprise appearance at the opening of 'Veronica's Room' at the Presidio Playhouse on Oct. 26. O. J. came to see Larry McInerney (pictured above), his acting coach from high school days. (Photo by Mike Willoughby)

From one concept to reality

by Bob Mahoney

The United Way of the Bay Area awarded a financial grant of $18,000 to the Presidio of San Francisco to develop special resource for military child care centers located throughout the Bay Area and surrounding communities.

"Although this family development specialist would be attached to the Presidio Preschool staff, his time would be divided in three ways," continued Wanberg. "Approximately one-third of the time would be spent in parental education programs; one third would be focused on providing training workshops for directors and staff from the 11 military child care centers in the area; and the remaining one third would be dedicated to coordination and integration of military and civilian community resources for the benefit of this network of military child care centers."

The funding, according to Lt. Col. Larrie Wanberg, chief of social work service at Letterman Army Medical Center, will be used to upgrade military child care through the hiring of a full time family development specialist who would be responsible for the development of several programs at the Presido and elsewhere within the Bay Area's military community.

He continued that "what we are going to do here in the Bay Area is established what we hope will be a model program that will be copied by individual child care facilities throughout the world."

The idea of a full time resource person in the child care program started in the Presidio child advocacy council and is timed perfectly to coincide with the International Year of the Child. During the past summer, a meeting between Col. John Hamilton, former Presidio commander, and representatives of the United Way of the Bay Area brought the idea from concept to reality.

Wanberg has been appointed as the project officer for the program. He claims that the "major benefit of the program will be that more resources will be available to the 200 children affected at the Presidio and eventually to upwards of 1500 military dependent children in the Bay Area." He cited newer child care techniques and a better awareness of how children learn as anticipated benefits from the new program.

Full implementation of the program is expected sometime in January.

The United Way of the Bay Area is the major recipient of funds contributed by federal employees through the auspices of the Combined Federal Campaign. The 1979 CFC is scheduled to end Nov. 16.

Protecting your mail

by Betsy Beuke, Associate Editor, ARNEWS

Punctured, mutilated or in a million little pieces?

That's how those packages you mailed to friends and relatives may reach their destination if steps aren't taken to protect them.

To increase the chances that packages reach their destination in one pieces, the U. S. Postal Service has guidelines for wrapping articles. If they're not packaged properly, the Postal Service may refuse to accept the articles for mailing.

Packages to be mailed fall into three recognized types: easy, average and difficult. They're determined by the contents, amount of protection and the package's strenth.

An easy load cannot be readily damaged by punctures or shock and will not shift or move within the package, or present a hazard to other packages.

Average loads may be prepackaged within sections or in separate paperboard boxes. The items usually will not shift within their containers reducing damage to the article and the container.

Items needing to be protected against puncture, shock or damage are considered difficult loads. Fragile items, delicate instruments, and small bulk items fall into this category.

According to the postal service, packages properly sealed with reinforced tape are the strongest.

Twine or cord should not be used as a sealer or as reinforcement.

Special markings on containers must be put on with a material which will not wash off, rub off, or smear. The markings must be sharp and clear from a distance of 30 inches.

Special handling markings should be placed in an area below the postage and above the addressee's name. These markings include "fragile," "perishable," "rush do not delay" and "do not bend."

"Fragile" may only be used to identify packages containing delicate items, while "perishable" refers to any parcel containing items (meat, produce, plants) which will spoil or rot.

"Rush do not delay" may only be used to identify those packages intended for shipment as special delivery or special handling mail.

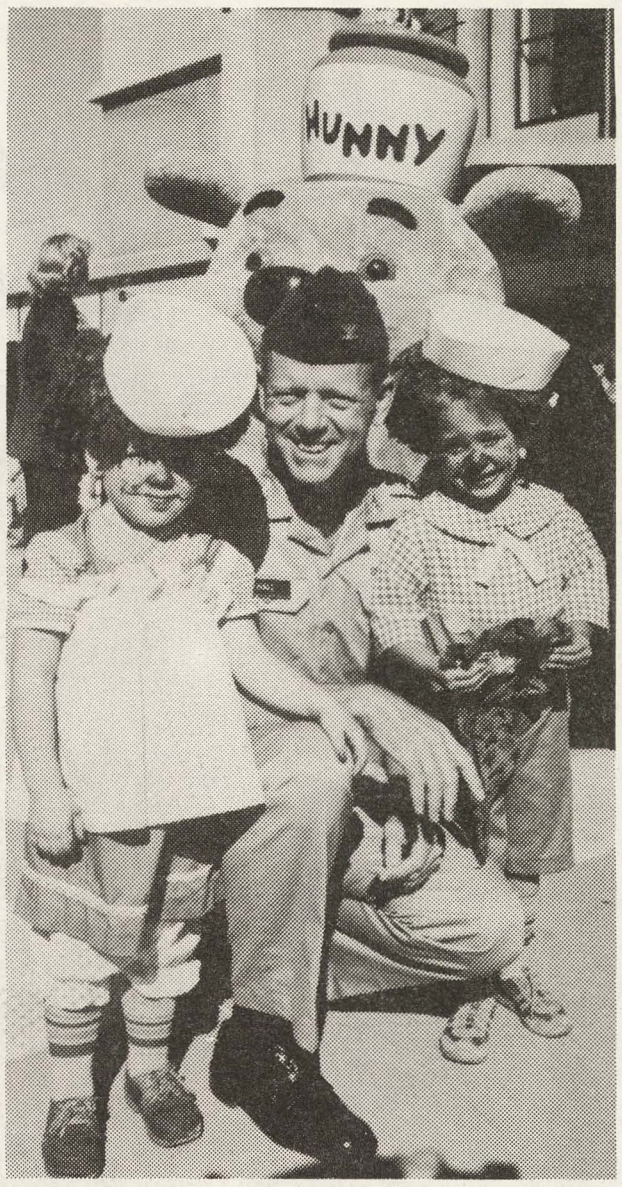
To avoid the loss of a package because the outer wrapper was destroyed, both the "from" and "to" addresses should be included inside the parcel.

When addressing parcels, make sure the name and address of the person the package is being sent to is written clearly and legibly on one side only.

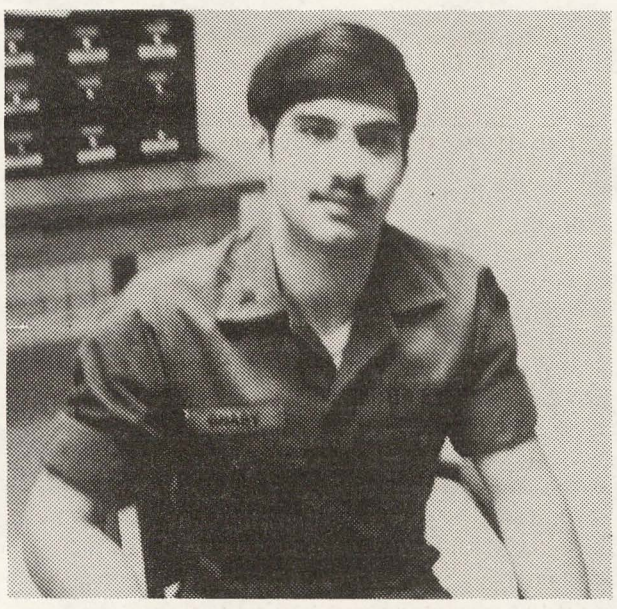
Addresses must include the name, the street and number, the city, state, and zip code. Some addresses, however, will have a post office box number, general delivery, or rural or highway contract route designation and box number, instead of a street and number.

All mail should bear the name and address of the sender so the Postal Service can return any parcels which cannot be delivered. Mail bearing the same return and delivery address, or window mail with no address and preprinted return address, without any postage will be sent to the dead mail office.

Making a few changes in how you wrap your packages for mailing this year may improve the chances of your parcel reaching its destination in good condition. Besides, which would you rather receive in the mail—a package with its contents punctured, mutilated, and broken, or an article in one piece?



Denise Wilson (Andy) and Tara Pettigrew (Raggedy Ann) paused to pose with Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., at a halloween parade held at LAMC. (Photo by Bill Malkiel)



SOM... Bill Gnagy is one of those people (Photo by Tom Donaghy)

MP selected as Presidio SOM

by Tom Donaghy

If you are in the Army or work on a military post, you know that soldiers are different than most people. They live in the demanding military environment: inspections, details, uniformity, obedience and military courtesy. They are people to be respected.

Those few soldiers who are selected as Soldiers of the Month are special soldiers. They have been judged by their superiors as exemplery examples of those who are military men.

Sp4 Bill Gnagy is one of those people.

Gnagy was selected as Soldier of the Month for September. He works with the 163rd MP Company in charge of the National Crime Investigation Center.

He sits in his office where there is a teletype machine that gives him the reach of an octopus, linking him directly with the FBI in Washington, D.C. Gnagy, who was born in Frankfurt, Germany, uses the machine to make entries on federal records about stolen guns and cars.

Gnagy joined the Army two and a half years ago to "gain experience in law enforcement. The Army was my stepping-stone from teenage to adulthood. Police work facinates me. It's interesting. I want to make it a career," he said.

Chemist experiments as exec

by Bob Mahoney

Dick Baker is normally a chemist. To be more exact, he is an instrumental analyst with the General Services Administration. His job is to test the properties of paints, solvents and other substances to ensure that they meet proper government specifications.

But Dick is now involved in another testing program, this one designed to determine the abilities of people to help those in need. He is a volunteer worker in the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual fund raising activity recognized by the Federal government.

Dick is a sponsored executive at CFC Headquarters at 410 Bush Street, San Francisco. As a sponsored executive, he has seen the results of CFC contributions first hand. He has had the opportunity to tour some of the facilities that benefit from the CFC dollar under the auspices of the United Way of the Bay Area, the National Health Agencies and the International Service Agencies.

Statistically speaking, some 221 individual activities and organizations benefit from CFC funding, including YMCAs, the March of Dimes, Save the Children and others. Last year, they shared more than $1 million contributed by more than 50,000 federal employees in the five Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. These federal employees come from organizations as small as the post office in Inverness (three employees) to one as large as the Navy (with 33,000 military and civilian employees).

According to Mr. Herb Houston, director of the Bay Area CFC, "the scope of CFC is as big as the hearts of each and every one of the federal employees in our area."

The director indicates that the goal of this year's CFC is the same as it is every year—to help as many people as is humanly possible, "with the emphasis on humanly."

Monitarily, the goal is $1.3 million, an increase over last year. The more personal goal, according to Houston, is to encourage each of the 73,500 Bay Area federal employees to give just one more dollar a month. Houston admits that one dollar a month more may not look that significant in and of itself but "if we could realize that goal, 73,000 people giving just one more dollar a month, we could help so many more needy and deserving people." Achievement of this last goal would result in more than $800,000 in additional benefit to thousands of people in the Bay Area.

CFC stands for Caring For Children, Caring For your Community and the Combined Federal Campaign. Participation is not painful; give, 'til it helps.

Health programs are the issue

Representatives from six of the largest health programs available to civilian employees of the Presidio will be available to answer questions concerning their respective plans during a meeting in Building 603 on Tuesday, Nov. 6 beginning at 9 a.m.

This meeting is being held in conjunction with the annual employee health benefits open season which will run from Nov. 12 through Dec. 7 as designated by the Office of Personnel Management.

During this open season, employees will have the opportunity to change their health benefits coverage in a variety of ways. Non-enrolled employees may enroll in any of the available programs. Employees already enrolled in one plan or option may change to a different plan or option.

Many of the health plans available to Bay Area federal employees are expected to have premium increases of approximately 10 percent. The representatives who will be at the Presidio on Nov. 6 will explain their programs, changes in their plans and to answer questions from interested employees. The following health programs will be represented: Aetna, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Kaiser Foundation, National Association of Letter Carriers, Rockridge and Mail Handlers.

According to the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office, information, including changes in benefits and prices, will be published immediately upon receipt. Individual plan pamphlets are not available but will be distributed as soon as they are received.

Any questions regarding Employees health benefits open season, or the Nov. 6 program in Building 603, should be directed to Mary Stump of CPO, ext. 5758.

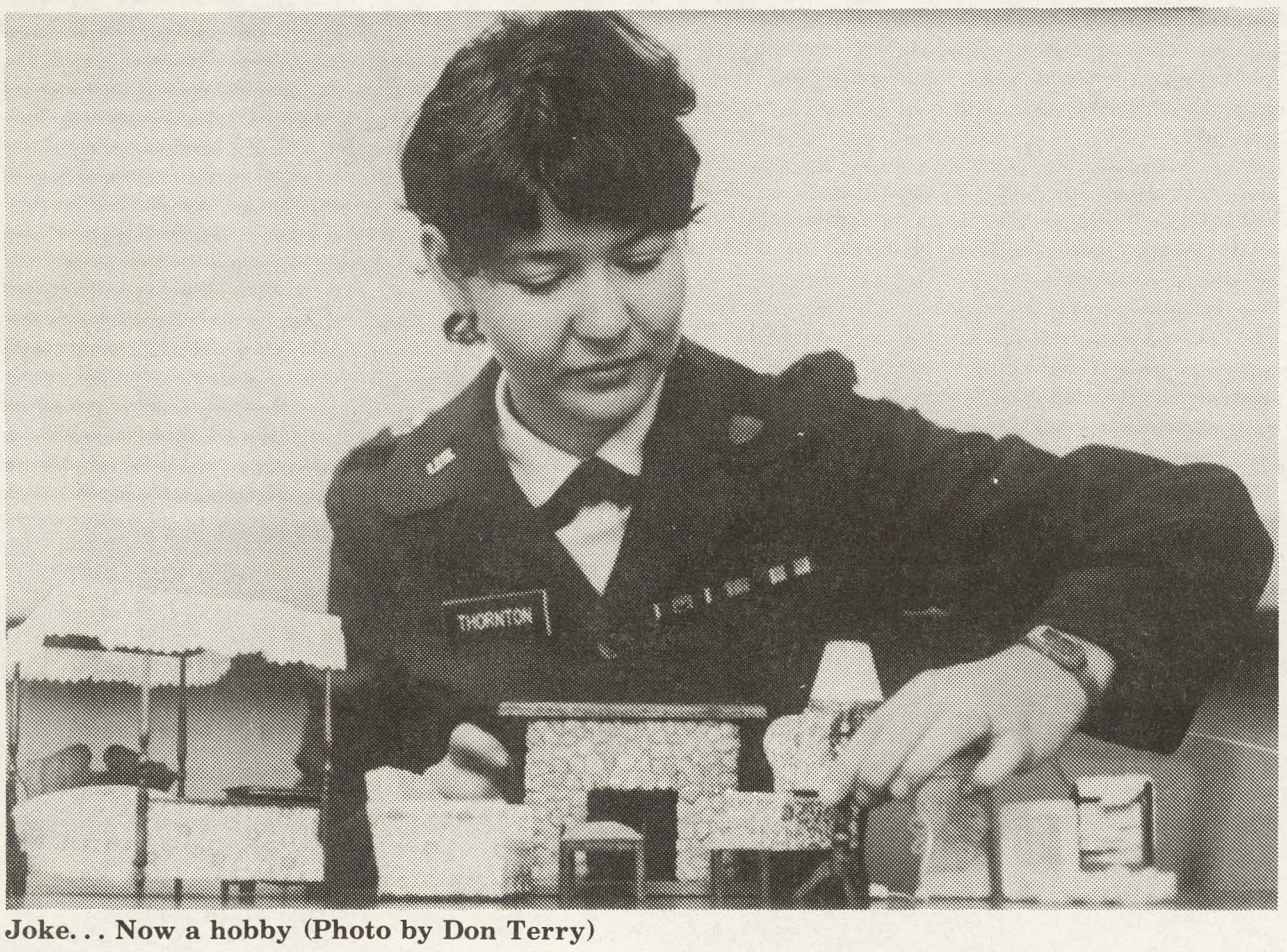
Woman creates her own home

by Ted Elisee

"The whole thing started as a joke," said Captain Gene Thornton, commander of the U. S. Transfer Point, Oakland.

Some years ago, Thornton's mother always kidded her about her life in the Army. Part of that joke was for Gene's mother to give her gifts for her future home. Her mom always hoped that Thornton would settle down to a stable home rather than move around the globe as a career Army officer.

The first year that Gene spent Christmas with her new hubsband, her mom sent her a kit for a doll house (obviously in keeping with their inside joke about a home of her own). Said Gene, "On top of that, my husband, Don, opened the pre-Christmas arrival and assumed that the doll house was a hobby of mine!" And so, husband Don, went out and spent quite a bit of money for miniature furniture for the doll house.



Joke... Now a hobby (Photo by Don Terry)

"I was so embarrassed about the whole thing that I had a hard time explaining the joke between my mother and I, to Don," she laughed. "There I was with a doll house and about $30 worth of furnishings for it!," she added.

The doll house was put away for awhile. The glitter of Christmas had passed and so had the memories of the practical joke. About two years later, Thornton's husband, an Army captain, was sent by the Army to do further studies at Stanford University. She saw her husband less and less as his studies increased. "I'm not the type to just sit around and mope, so I pulled out the long forgotten house and worked on it from 7 p.m. till the early hours of the morning."

Expense can be a problem when you have a hobby like Gene's. Some sets of furniture can cost as much as $15. That hasn't stopped Gene, though. She has become so involved with the structure that she now is making a lot of the furnishings by hand. In fact, the house is advancing so much her husband has agreed to wire the house so that the lamps and chandeliers will light, too.

Some of the hand made items that exist now are: a bathroom medicine chest made from an aspirin tin appliqued with tin foil; a bathroom hamper that was knitted, and china made from half buttons that were filled with wood putty.

When asked whether she would ever finish her project, she replied, "This is the type of thing that can go on and on."

"Anyway, she said, "a lot of my friends have gotten involved with the house, too." Members of my Toastmistresses club have given me rug and wall paper samples to use for it."

In closing, Gene reflected, "If I ever feel this project is complete, I'll just start all over on another one!"

Off Post

A **Galaxy of Opals,** a gem show will be presented in the Gem Guild of the Hall of Flowers at Golden Gate Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The **Quintetto Boccherini** from Italy will give a concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in the McKenna Theatre in the Creative Arts building on the San Francisco State University campus. The concert is free of charge.

"Exploring the Skies of the Season" will be presented Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park.

"Starting a New Native Garden," a lecture by Timmy Gallagher, will be presented Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Strybling Arboretum at Golden Gate Park.

Elvis fans will have a chance to see their idol on the screen in **"Elvis—That's the Way It is,"** at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, in the McKenna Theatre, Creative Arts building on the San Francisco State University campus. Admission is $2, $1.25 for students and members of the SFSU alumni association.

Made in 1970, the film captures Elvis at the top of his form during his second record-breaking performance at the International Hotel in Las Vegas.

Discounts are available to military personnel and their families for performances at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 7 p.m. for the Western style version of **"Taming of the Shrew"** at the Cannery Theatre at 2801 Leavenworth. Present your ID card at the box office, $8 tickets are reduced to $5.

Ice Capades discount coupons for performances at the Oakland Colisium on Nov. 20, 23, 24, and 25 are available for all military, dependents, civilians, retired and reserve personnel. Reductions are $1.00 on adult tickets and $2.00 on children's tickets for all priced seats. Pick up your coupons early and order your tickets early for better seats. For additional information, call the Rec Center daily after 2 p.m. at ext. 2000. Ticket sales and distribution of discount coupons are available everyday after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Danger lurks on road

At least once in a lifetime, every driver will probably face a potentially serious emergency behind the wheel.

It might be a brake failure, a stuck throttle, or an engine fire. The time to plan what to do in these situations is now. Why not think ahead with these tips from the Department of Transportation?

If you lose your brakes completely, try pumping them to bring up brake pressure. If this doesn't work, try shifting the transmission into a lower gear. Even if your car has an automatic transmission this might help. Then apply the emergency brake. If you're still out of control on a hill or mountainous road, it may even be advisable to sideswipe a hillside or guard-rail as a means of slowing the car down.

In newer cars with power steering or brakes, what feels like a complete failure could really be just a problem with the power assist. Steering and braking are still possible. It just takes much more physical effort.

In this case, apply steady foot pressure on the brake to take advantage of any remaining power. Steer carefully avoiding sudden wheel movements that may be hard to correct without power.

What if you lift your foot off the gas and the car keeps accelerating? The throttle's stuck. Carefully turn the ignition key to the off position, but don't turn it so far as to engage the steering lock.

How about fire? Some sorry drives learn too late that it's smart to carry an extinguisher in the car. But if you try to fight an engine fire, be careful opening the hood. Cover your hands with a rag, turn your face away, and get back as soon as the hood opens. If fire nears fuel lines or gas tank, give up and get away.

Chances of being in these potentially disastrous situations may seem slim. But you've undoubtedly experienced a "mini'emergency" like unruly kids, a bee in the car, or a small fire in an ashtray.

Don't let small emergencies like these distract you from driving. Pull off the road before settling the kids down. Don't try to put out small fires while driving, except for closing the ashtray to smother flames until you can get off the road. As for bees, it's better to be stung than to lose control of the car.

For more tips on coping with emergencies large and small, get a copy of **How to Handle Motor Vehicle Emergencies.** It's free from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. (AFPS)

Keeping out the uninvited

by Mike Quinones

How can you make your home "burglar safe?" It's easy.

Lock all outside doors before you leave or go to bed. Lock all windows.

Leave lights on when you go out. If you're going to be away any length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers so your lights turn on at dusk and go off at bedtime.

Keep your garage door closed and locked.

Don't allow daily deliveries to accumulate when you're gone. Cancel them.

Contact the Military Police and have a trained officer from the crime prevention section inspect your home and make suggestions on how to make your home more secure.

Never leave door keys under flower pots, doormats, inside unlocked mail boxes, or in any other hiding spots.

If you're going on vacation, notify the Military Police and tell them how long you'll be gone, who has a key to your home, and how you can be reached.

Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your house whenever you leave for an extended period of time.

Keep a detailed inventory of your possessions and make sure they are properly marked so that in the event they are stolen and recovered at a later date, you can identify them.

Make sure that any removable property such as plants, lawn mowers, and gardening equipment is properly secured before you depart for work or go out.

Taking a few precautions go far in keeping a burglar unemployed.

Sports

Swimmers will swim for cents

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, the Aquarius Swim Club will sponsor a swim-a-thon.

All proceeds collected by Aquarius swimmers will be donated to the Presidio Combined Federal Campaign.

The swimmers will swim from noon to 4 p.m. on pledges of 10 cents a lap. One lap or length of the pool is 33 1-3 yards. Each of the swimmers on the team has been asked to swim at least ten pool lengths. The team is expected to swim over 20,000 yards.

Ribbons will be awarded to all swimmers. Refreshments will also be available.

Any other youngster who would like to join Aquarius in the swim-a-thon can do so by coming to the Presidio pool between noon and 4 p.m.

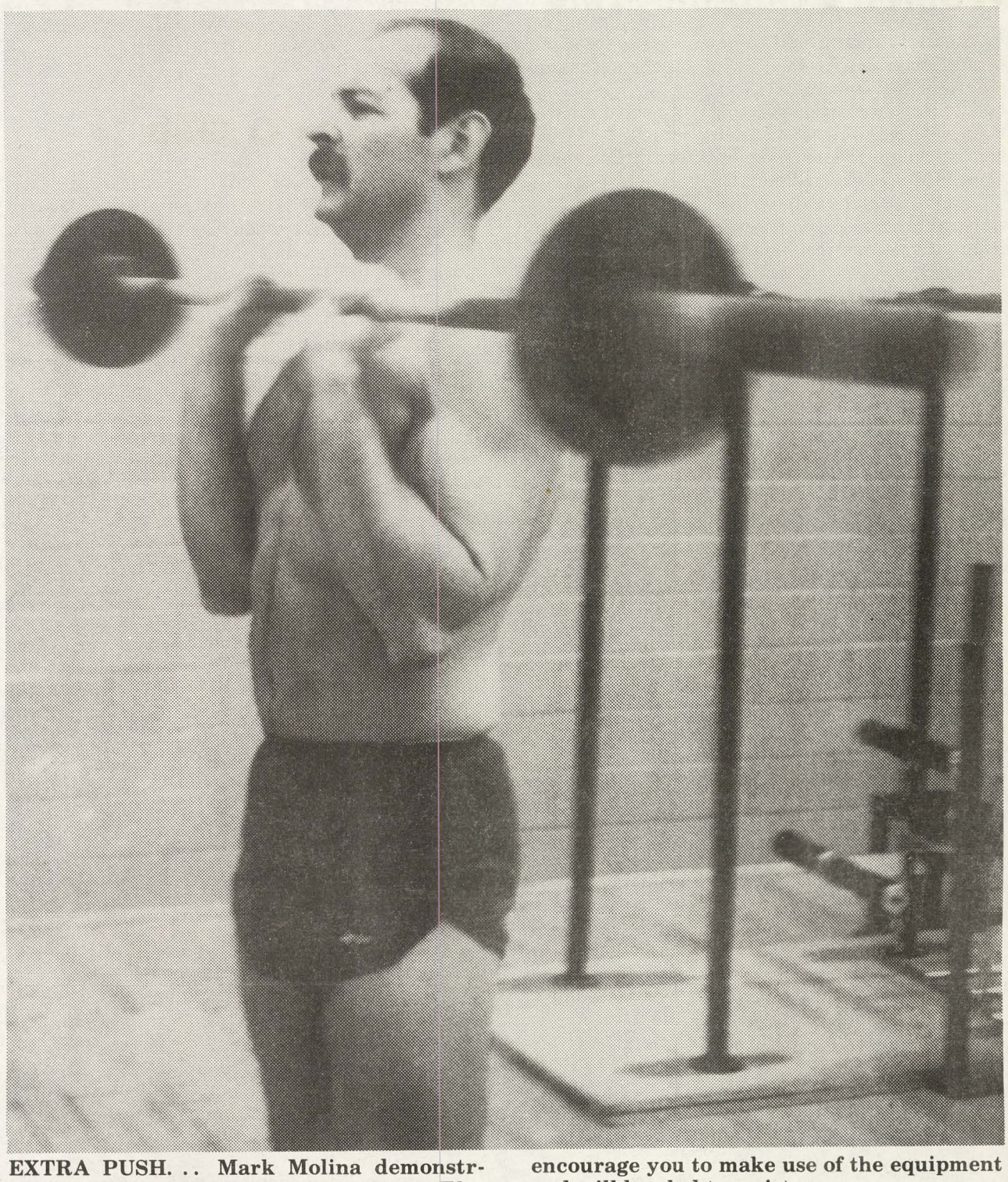
Tennis club will sponsor benefit

The Presidio Tennis Club will be sponsoring a tennis tournament on Saturday, Nov. 10, with all proceeds going to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign.

Tournament seedings will be on the A, B, and C levels. Tournament format will be double elimination pro-set for both men and women. There will be mixed singles if there are enough interested players. Doubles will be played on Nov. 11 if there are enough participants. Entry fee is $4 per person.

The first matches will begin at 8:30 a.m. All players will be notified of their first match time by November 9. For registration, contact Ralph Cruikshank at ext. 3023.

There will be a general membership meeting of the club at Harmon Hall, November 14, (Bldg. 648, located at the western end of Crissy Field) at 8 p.m. The meeting will update members of what has been happening as well as future activities. Anyone with questions regarding membership may contact Mary Lockner at telephone 922-6159 after 5 p.m.



EXTRA PUSH. . . Mark Molina demonstrates his ability for the camera. The weightroom at the post gym is open seven days a week. The sports personnel at the gym encourage you to make use of the equipment and will be glad to assist you.

(Photo by Tom Donaghy)

Entries needed for squash tournament

The upcoming post squash tournament will begin on or about Nov. 27. It will be a singles tournament and play will be determined by the number of entries.

This fast action sport involves quick reactions and skills and is exciting to view. All matches will be played at Post Gym No. 1, Bldg. 63 and spectators can view the action in the gallery above the court.

Units desiring to enter individuals are requested to contact their unit A & R officer or NCO or the sports branch office in Bldg. 63 at 4120 or 5032 by Nov. 20.

Signup to begin for roundball action

The 1979-80 intramural basketball season will begin on or about 13 November.

Units desiring to enter a team are requested to contact the sports branch office at ext. 4120 or 5032 by Nov. 5. A special basketball clinic for male and female coaches, managers or players will be conducted in Post Gym No. 1, Bldg. 63 on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Playoffs

LAMC, USAG and LAIR in finals now

The post flag intramural tournament got underway with a bang with the first game going to LAMC 1 by defeating USAG 14-6. LAMC scored first with a dazzling 70-yard punt return by **West.** USAG, not to be intimidated, immediately retaliated by putting together a long drive which eventually resulted in an eight yard touchdown pass from Jones to Washington.

In the second quarter LAMC 1's **Gibson,** who played an outstanding offensive and defensive game, caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from **Weinstein.** Although the first half would indicate an exciting second half with more points, it never materialized because both teams couldn't get their offenses rolling.

The second game between LAIR and 666 Radar, in which Radar was highly favored, started where the previous teams have left off. Both teams had problems finding the goal lines.

Although not many points were scored, it was exciting with both teams running up and down the field. The game eventually went into overtime, and it was not until the third play that LAIR's **Hatten** broke loose for a 52-yard jaunt into the end zone. The final score: LAIR-6 and 666 Radar-O.

The second day of playoffs produced exciting results. LAMC 1 (defending champions) apparently peaked at the right time. They were in third place after the regular season play and entered the playoffs as a longshot to go all the way. Now they are in the finals after defeating LAIR 13-9. **Doug Weinstein** provided most of the scoring. He ran for 60-yards on the opening kickoff for a touchdown, then proceeded to kick the extra point.

Weinstein and **Davis both kicked field goals from the 15-yard range. LAMC marched down the field in the fourth quarter and Weinstein** proceeded to boot another 15-yard field goal to ice the game.

The second game of the night, between USAG and 666 Radar Squadron featured three long touchdowns. **Eric Jones,** USAG's highly touted quarterback, first handed off to **Glen Turner** and ran 40 yards for a touchdown. Then in the second quarter, he reared back and threw a long pass to speedstar **Bobby Washington** for a 72-yard touchdown.

Both extra points were missed, but USAG had built up a slim lead and held on despite a 46-yard touchdown run by **Leroy Love** (666 Radar Squadron). Final score: USAG-12, 666 Radar Squadron-7.

The playoffs will continue with USAG and LAIR playing in a rematch with the winner meeting surprising LAMC 1 for the championship on Monday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the field near the main post library.

Presidio News Notes

Women's club meeting

The St. Francis Yacht Club will be the location of the Letterman Women's Club luncheon for the month of November.

The Department of Surgery will host the Nov. 8 gathering. Cocktails will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the northwest room with lunch following at noon in the Chart Room.

Guest Speaker will be KSFO Radio Station General Manager, Jim Myers. The cost is $10 and reservations must be made by 6 p.m. Nov. 4 (San Francisco: Yvette Martinka 561-7246; Marin: Caroline Rabbins 472-2049).

Tour planned

The Presidio Tennis Club is sponsoring a package tour to Mazatlan, Mexico for seven days of tennis and golf beginning January 8, 1980. The cost of the trip is $359 per person. This includes round trip airfare and seven days lodging. For further information, contact Bentley Hill at ext. 3536.

Sauna hours set

The present sauna hours for women has been increased at Post Gym No. 1, Bldg. 63. After a workout, a shower and a sauna are a relaxing way to ease those tired muscles. The revised hours are as follows:

Sunday, 10 a.m.-noon
Monday, 9 a.m.-11a.m., 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon

J'ecoute

Five women from the Bay Area who served in a special communications unit of the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War I will be honored in ceremonies to be held at the Presidio Army Museum on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

The women, only recently recognized as veterans with full military status by Department of the Army, were trained as telephone operators and were bilingual in French and English. This unit served as the communications liason between the American Expeditionary Force and the French Army.

The Presidio Army Museum will officially open a permanent exhibit entitled 'J'ecoute," French for "I hear," constructed in honor of these women as an integral part of the post's Veteran's Day observances.

The ceremony is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Events at O Club

Polynesian Luau will be held Wednesday, November 7. Chief Tapu and his Island dancers will provide music for dancing and a Royal Dance Show. Don't miss this night of Fun, Food, and Island Fantasy. Reservations are a must for this sell-out event. Dinner served by Chef John from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at three seatings on Thursday, November 22. Reservations may be made for dinner at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

During November, **Party Line** will again provide the dancing disco beat to move your feet in the Attic Lounge every Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Class offered

A class in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) will be given in two sessions in Bldg. 97 on Nov. 7 and 9 from 8 a.m. until noon. Another class will be offered on Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Those interested in attending either class should contact the Red Cross office at ext. 2187 for sign up.

Activities slated

To bring your social dancing up to date, take part in the **Disco Dance Class** on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Beginners, as well as advanced dancers will enjoy the class. Due to the popularity of this particular class, it is limited to active duty members and their dependents over age 19; retirees and reservists and their dependents may sign up on a space available basis.

If you enjoy **Rock Music,** the Rec Center is the place to be on Wednesday evening from 8:30 p.m until midnight.

If your pool game isn't all it should be, join the **Pool Class** on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Hank Nole will demonstrate how to apply the English and win a few games.

Ladies will find the **Belly Dancing Class** on Thursday at 7 p.m. a nice wat to shape up. Join up anytime.

Call for help

The youth basketball season will be getting underway very shortly.

The teams will be divided into two leagues. The major league will be composed of young men and women in the 13 to 16-year-old bracket. The minor league teams cover ages 9 thru 12.

Coaches are needed. Anyone who is interested in helping out as a coach should contact Jeff Flournoy at ext. 2728 or 2837.

Dough art workshop

A dough art workshop will be held on Dec. 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The $6.50 fee includes lunch. Make your own Christmas tree ornaments and gifts. Call ext. 4497 or stop by the Crafts Shop, at Bldg. 122 for registration. Also, the Crafts Shop will be holding its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 13 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. There will be refreshments galore.

Wives' Club meets

The E.M. Wives' Club monthly meeting will be held Monday evening, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the NCO Club. Everyone is welcome. The evening's guest speaker will be from the Toastmistress Club. For more information, call Mrs. Peggy Neeley at ext. 5939.

Movies

Schwartz Theater, Letterman
Nov. 5—Cheerleaders Beach Party (R)
Nov. 6—Hot Stuff (PG)
Nov. 7—Dogs (R)
Nov. 8—Brass Target (PG)
Nov. 9—Prophecy (PG)
Nov. 12—Take Down (PG)

Presidio Theater
Nov. 3—Where Time Began (G)
Nov. 3—Take Down (PG)
Nov. 4—Meatballs (PG)
Nov. 5—Meatballs (PG)
Nov. 6—California Suite (PG)
Nov. 7—The Warriors (R)
Nov. 8—The Warriors (R)
Nov. 9—The Muppet Movie (G)
Nov. 10—The Muppet Movie (G)
Nov. 11—Dracula (R)
Nov. 12—Dracula (R)

Have another Madeira, my dear!

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Lt. Gen Eugene P. Forrester, Commander, Sixth Army, serves cookies to three girl scouts who visited him recently. The scouts visited the general so he could purchase a 1980 Girl Scout Calendar. The visit demonstrates Forrester's involvement in the Presidio community which has been a highlight of his tour here. Forrester will be departing soon for a new assignment in Korea. The girls with him are Tanya Sexton, Darla Selfelder, and Barbara Galvin. (Photo by Bill Makiel)

Korea command to Forrester

Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown, announced Tuesday that Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester, commanding general, Sixth United States Army, located at the Presidio of San Francisco, will be reassigned on Dec. 10, to command the First Corps Republic of Korea/United States Group in Korea.

Forrester will command over 180 thousand Korean and American soldiers occupying a series of defensive positions along the Demilitarized Zone which separates North and South Korea. The First Corps consists primarily of infantry divisions supported by tanks, artillery and helicopters.

Forrester, for the past fifteen months, has commanded United States Army Reserve units and assisted in the training and evaluation of Army National Guard units in the fifteen western states.

Forrester is a native of Watertown, Tennessee, and a 1948 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As the senior military officer in the western United States, Forrester placed great emphasis on a close working relationship between military and civilian communities in the Bay Area. He was first military officer selected as a board member of the Bay Area Council. Equally dedicated to the Federal community, he was Vice Chairman of the Combined Federal Campaign (the military equivalent of the United Way), the Vice Chairman designate of the Federal Executive Board, and a board member of the USO.

Forrester's successor has not been named. Maj. Gen. Charles R. Sniffin, currently deputy commanding general, Sixth United States Army, will assume command upon Forrester's departure.

Fund drive gets extension

Officials of the Combined Federal Campaign have announced a two week extension to accommodate those who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute. The campaign, originally scheduled to run through Nov. 16, has now been extended through Nov. 30.

Col. F. Whitney Hall, commander of the Presidio, has expressed his thanks and admiration for those who have already contributed, "I'm really hopeful that the spirit of giving that we have seen in the Presidio community will continue until we reach our goal. Those who have given should be commended for their concern for the entire community."

'I ask those who have chosen not to give this year to reconsider and to open their hearts and pocketbooks to this plea for help. Any amount is welcome assistance to those who need it."

Hall went on to emphasize the intangibles that cannot be identified as direct benefits from CFC funding. "Few people realize that the funds from CFC that go to the United Way of the Bay Area eventually arrive back home through organizations such as the Boys Club, scouting and others. Just recently, it was announced that the Presidio Pre-school is receiving a $18,000 grant from United Way which will directly benefit the military community in the Bay Area by enhancing the professional resources of the facilities."

Hall concluded, "Giving to the Combined Federal Campaign helps us all, regardless of our station in life."

Briefly

Rich honored

Damon R. Rich, son of Capt. and Mrs. Rolla Rich has added another honor to the growing number given him this year.

The Presidio Citizen of the Quarter was named the Citizen of the Day by KABL radio on Nov. 4.

To commemorate this honor, Rich who is 10 years old, received a proclamation from San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and a certificate from the radio station.

Holiday period set

Christmas is right around the corner, and Presidio soldiers should start planning their holiday leave plans.

According to DA circular 612-21 the 1979 Christmas New Year holiday period is from 7 a.m., Dec. 20, 1979 until 5 p.m. Jan. 3, 1980.

For soldiers using commercial transportation only, commanders may authorize departure as early as noon on Dec. 19 and return as late a midnight Jan. 3, 1980.

The circular encourages commanders to authorize residents of Puerto Rico enough leave to permit them to be with their families in Puerto Rico for Three Kings Day which is Jan. 6.

Anyone using commercial transportation should make tentative reservations now to avoid not being able to travel on the dates desired. Have a nice holiday season by planning now.

W-2's to be held

W-2 Forms (Wage and Tax Statement) for 1979 will be sent out at the end of January, Army Finance officials at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., announced last week.

Last year, the forms were sent out in December but about 84,000 were incorrect. Corrected forms were sent out, but after many soldiers had already filed their income tax claims, the officials explained.

Sending out the forms in January will allow any late changes to be made before the W-2s are issued.

This may, however, delay filing your tax statement, officials cautioned.

Engineers see red

Red scarves are now part of the olive drab fatigues for all E-5s and above who are assigned to the 864th Engineers Bn, at Ft. Scott.

According to the Engineers' 1st Sgt. Patamosky, "The company commander instituted the change to add distinction to the NCO ranks, to build more pride, and to give othe soldiers something to work for.

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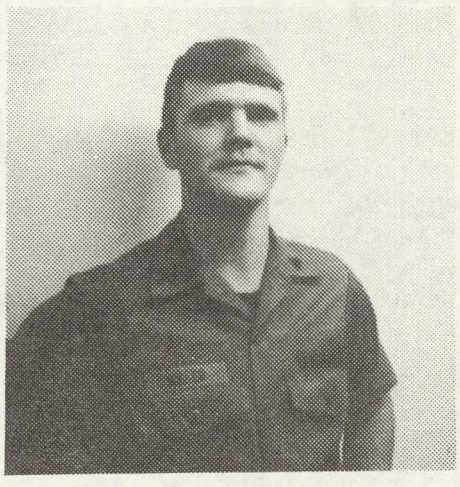
How are you going to observe Veteran's Day?

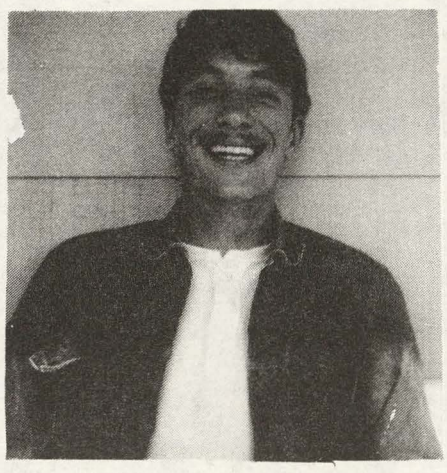


Sgt. Bill Miller, DPTSEC—"Go to Mill Valley and have a party with a friend from Hawaii."

Sgt. Dan St. Pierre, Logistics, 6th Region CID—"Stay home, relax, watch the football games. Maybe I'll work on my lawn."

Ed Rosenback, Veterans Retirement—"I'm just going to relax, that's all. No specific plans. I may party on Sunday."

Pvt. Mark Dinning, USAG—"What is it? I don't know. Probably I'll sit around and party with a few friends in Foster City.



Pvt. Tom Donaghy, USAG—I'm going to do what I always do on Veteran's Day, have a good time; you know, Rock and Roll !!! Don't let this short hair fool you.

Command Time

Command Time is a column from the post commander, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr.

During last week's fall cleanup campaign, noticeable improvements were made toward beautifying the Presidio and its sub-installations. The combined efforts of the post's units and quarters' occupants resulted in huge amounts of trash and debris being picked up and disposed of. Take a look around and you'll see the improvements.

Let's make a constant effort throughout the year to maintain the Presidio's inspiring natural appearance.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who contributed time and effort during last week's cleanup campaign.

A second note of thanks is due to the one out of every two Presidians who has contributed to helping their fellow man through the Combined Federal Campaign. The amount each person has given so far this year exceeds by far the average individual contribution last year. I hope that those who have not yet contributed to helping the needy through CFC will find it in their hearts to be as generous.

Finally, the cooperation that each of you has given to the post parking program is greatly appreciated. We have an appeal under consideration in Washington which asks that the Presidio be exempt from fee parking. Meanwhile, we are going ahead to follow Department of the Army instructions.

The positive cooperation that the Installation Parking Coordinator, Maj. Bill Vencill, has received from everyone is another demonstration of the good sense and team spirit of Presidians.

Veterans

Their legacy is our challenge

Since the birth of our nation, thirty-nine million Americans have served in our Armed Forces, leaving a legacy of courageous and dedicated service.

Their legacy, however, is also their challenge to those of us who serve today. We are challenged to find peaceful solutions to our international problems and to be combat ready as a deterent to war.

No veteran ever liked war. Those who have seen its destruction, hate it. Millions have been killed or wounded by its violence in order to protect the rights of Americans to life in peace and freedom.

These men and women believed in the worth of our country's people and traditions, in the right of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They kept faith with their country and with us who follow. It is now our turn to keep the faith. We must maintain the will, the courage, and strength necessary to keep our country free.

Like other things of great value, freedom does not come cheaply. Part of the cost has already been paid by Americans who answered the call to military duty when their country needed them. They served in nine major wars, from the Revolution to

Vietnam, earning special distinction as soldiers.

There is another part of freedom's cost which must continue to be paid. This is a debt owed to America's veteran's.

Some veterans need their country's help, even as their nation once needed theirs. They need help to readjust, to recover from wounds or to overcome hardships of age and infirmity. Most need and ask nothing in repayment of their sacrafices.

We can best pay tribute to all veterans by recognizing what they have achieved and by joining them in their resolve to keep our nation free.

There is no greater challenge, tribute or obligation.

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Maria Aponte poses for the camera after describing how she found $1150 here on post. She works as Lodge Hostess at Pershing Hall, where the cash was recovered. (Photo by Tony Rose)

Woman finds $1,150, and gives it back

By Tom Donaghy

Let's talk about people. There are basically two kinds of people—the honest type and the not so honest type.

Recently a women visiting post lost $1150, in cash. It was left inside of an Alka Seltzer bottle in a blue make-up bag.

Mrs. Maria Aponte, who works as a hostess at Pershing Hall, found the bag which Mrs. Iris Bishop, had left on the floor near her office.

That evening Bishop called from her home in Sacramento in near "hysteria" wanting to know if anyone had found a blue make-up bag. Bishop said she had some important medication in there.

But Aponte didn't know there was money in the bag. She didn't even look. "People leave things behind here all the time. I just put it on the lost and found shelf."

Aponte said she had and would leave it with the night clerk so that Bishop could pick it up when she came. "All of a sudden she became really hysterical and started shouting about money. I was really scared. I opened up the bottle and sure enough it was in there."

Aponte nervously took it over to the military police where Bishop picked it up that night.

Upon hearing of Aponte's actions, Col. F. Whitney Hall, post commander, presented her with a letter of commendation, thanking her for her honesty and integrity.

These things happen often to Aponte. Once while traveling to Arizona from Georgia she found a wallet containing $69.64. She sent everything to the owner by checking the I. D. inside. "A sweet letter came about two weeks later with a check for $69.64."

Another time, Aponte was in New York shopping with a friend. They went into a subway restroom, "and there was this wet brown bag on the floor. I kicked it and saw all this green roll out. I kept that money!", she said laughing.

Maria, who has a busy job that keeps her on the phone most of the day says that she can't believe all the attention she is getting. "People tell me I'm too honest," she said. "But it's my job."

Don't go to Indy, you can review your records here

"Soldiers no longer have to travel to Ft. Benjamin Harrison to review their records," states SFC Dennis Wilson of the COMPACT.

Soldiers may obtain a copy of their Official Military Personnel File for review here at the Presidio by writing to:

Commander, USAEREC
ATTN: PCRE-RE-I
Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249.

According to Wilson all requests must include the soldier's full name, social security number, his written signature and the address to which the record is to be mailed. Usually the OMPF is mailed to the soldier within 15 days after the request is received.

Soldiers who wish to review their records at Ft. Harrison must make an appointment at least five working days in advance by calling the 24 hour inquiry service at autovon 699-2657 or the commercial phone number of 317-542-2657.

Soldiers who do not make an appointment and "walk in" to review their records may experience delays. Records in the process of normal updating or being reviewed in connection with promotion or selection boards may not be readily available on the day the individual wants to review them.

A soldier's record may be updated by bringing authorized file material to Ft. Harrison or mailing such material at any time to:

Commander USAEREC
ATTN: PCRE-FR-S
Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249

Only those documents authorized for filing in the OMPF will be microfiched. Those documents which can not be placed in the file will be destroyed. Soldiers should check with COMPACT or AR 640-10 before mailing items to the record's center.

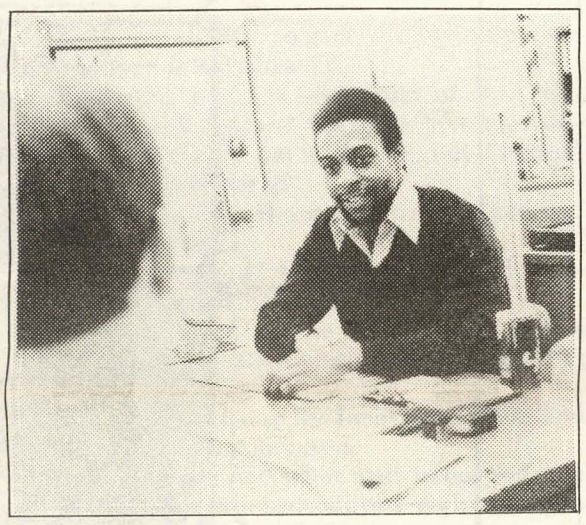
Promotions up again

Promotions to E-5 and E-6 for the month of December are up considerably over November figures according to the promotion schedule released by the Department of the Army last week.

The following promotions are planned for Dec. 1

Grade	Nov. 79	Dec.	Sequence Number	On List
06	53	72	262	543
05	148	193	475	1371
04	227	363	834	2308
03	1528	474	2258	1954
W4	34	27	147	172
W3	75	59	405	341
E9	72	63	827	139
E8	314	319	1562	1039
E7	759	619	4868	3161
E6	1437	2083		
E5	4056	7992		

Personnel officials attribute the increase in the number of promotions to the larger number of E-5s and E-6s allowed by the budget and to increased vacancies caused by soldiers getting holiday "early outs."



Mr. Brian Williams of the Enlisted Promotion Section of COMPACT helps a soldier compute his promotion points in preparation for the E-5 and E-6 promotion board. More soldiers will be promoted during the month of December according to recently released DA figures. (Photo by Tom Donaghy)

E-6 board to convene

Presidio E-6s with a date of rank of Aug. 31 or 1976 or earlier will be considered in the primary zone of an E-7 promotion board set to meet at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in January, according to Capt. William Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

Soldiers to be considered in the secondary zone includes those with a date of rank from Sept. 1, 1976 up to and including Nov. 30, 1976.

To be eligible, E-6s must:

Have a basic enlisted service date of May 31, 1974 or earlier.

Have a high school diploma a GED equivalent, or an associates degree or higher.

Not be restricted from promotion as stated in paragraph 7-37 and 7-61 of AR 600-200.

Soldiers with an imposed or initiated bar to reenlistment or those who have been denied reenlistment through the Qualitative Management Program will not be considered.

Also soldiers with an approved retirement on or before April 1, 1980 will not be considered.

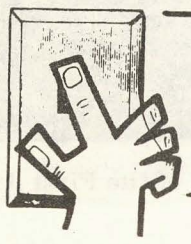
"Complete the Record" Senior Enlisted Evaluation Reports must be completed for eligible soldiers.

Babylon urges eligible soldiers to insure their personnel record and photographs are current.

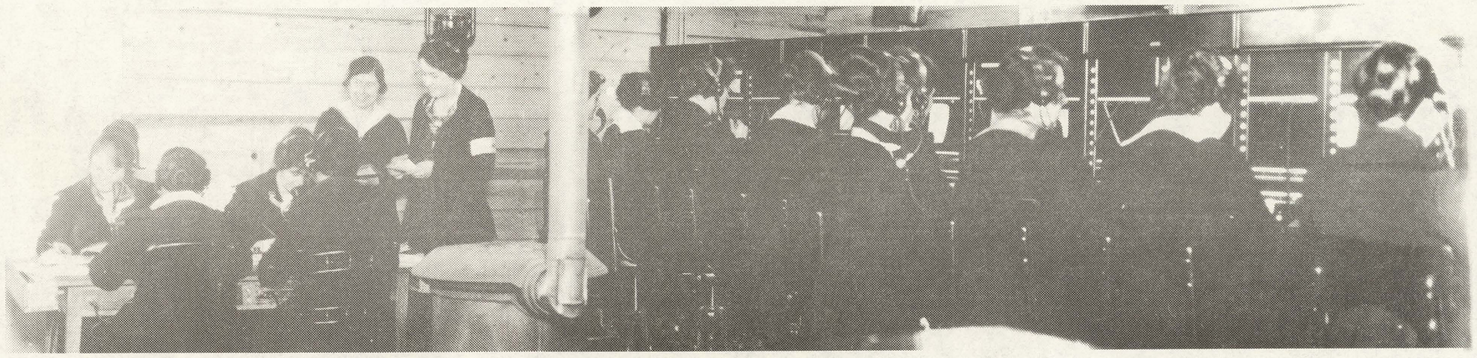
Along with selecting soldiers for promotion, the board will also identify unsatisfactory performers through the QMP screening process. Those identified will receive a DA bar to reenlistment.

E-6s with a date of rank of Nov. 30, 1977 or earlier will be screened, whether or not they meet the promotion criteria.

Soldeirs on the current E-7 list; those having already received a bar to reenlistment or with an approved retirement date on or before April 1, 1980 will not be reviewed.



Pictured is an original cover for the Telephone Review printed in May, 1918.



This picture, taken in 1919, shows operators placing and directing long distance calls at a toll office at LaBella Epine, outside of the gates of Paris, France.

J'ecoute - I am listening

One woman remembers life as an American telephone operator in France

Editor's Note: When General John J. Pershing arrived in France on June 15, 1917 he found the French telephone system nearly destroyed. He decided that a new system was needed and that 200 French speaking American women would be needed to operate the switchboards.

The following story is a personal account of life in France as experienced by Mrs. Louise Le Breton Maxwell a native of Berkeley and one of the first women to serve as a telephone operator.

My younger sister Raymonde and I had been in this country four years, having attended school in France before that time, and when we read the article calling for volunteers we decided to send an application to Washington, without telling our mother. We were sure she would give us a categorical "NO". We waited with anxiety for a reply to our application but none came. Christmas came and went, and then New Years and still no answer. So we went about our business and forgot about it. Then, on Jan. 8, 1918, we received a telegram asking us to report to an official of Pacific Telephone in San Francisco for an interview.

On January 19, we received another telegram instructing us to report to the same official for temporary duty and that while in this temporary duty we would be allowed a per diem allowance of four dollars for the first thirty days. First, however, we had to overcome our mother's reluctance to let us go.

There was intensive training at the S.F. telephone school for two weeks on local and long distance boards and a few days of actual operating at a small office in Richmond. After a complete physical examination, vaccination and innoculation we took the Oath of Allegiance here at the Presidio and were sworn in into the Army. Next we went to New York, reporting each day to the A.T.&T. Offices, for further trainiig. We were outfitted with uniforms, purchasiig high laced shoes, blouses, warm underwear overseas caps and a dress hat. Then we were told to send our civilian clothes back home.

The first unit of telephone operators composed of 33 young women from all over the country left Hoboken, New Jersey on Mar. 6 for France. We sailed at 6 a.m. very silently. The port holes were covered with black curtains so we couldn't even see the Statue of Liberty when we went by.

A perfect target

On the twelfth day as we were approaching Liverpool, our ship struck a sand bank. One of the destroyers in our convoy attempted to pull us out but the cable snapped in half and so we remained there one whole moonlit night, a perfect target for German submarines. As the tide changed the next morning we proceeded to Liverpool.

In Paris we were divided into three groups, one to be stationed at Tours, headquarters of the service of supplies, one to remain in Paris, and the third to go to Chaumont-sur-Marne, General Pershing's Headquarters with Miss Banker. I was among the latter, while my sister was assigned to Tours. Everywhere we were received by officers and men with happy smiles. On the lighter side: The day after our arrival in Paris a reporter of "The Stars and Stripes" wrote the following: "Hello Girls Here in Real Army Duds."

On August 25, 1918, I received a promotion to the rank of supervisor, told to pack my belongings, because I was being transferred to Neufchateau and that my sister was to join me. For this, I was very pleased.

Neufchateau, was a different story. What a contrast! A town at war, the hub of many roads, bivouacs in the fields everywhere, troops being moved toward the front in every type of vehicle available.

The telephone office was swamped with calls, new camp boards were being installed, and we were stepping over wires continuously.

We had no home

Additionally no provisions have been made to house signal corps women, some of us were in hotels, others shared rooms in private homes, many times cooking our own meals after a strenuous day of work.

One evening I was asked to accompany one of the other operators while she placed a call for one of the operators in Paris.

Three men from the signal corps were operating the boards which were lit with lights. While my friend was putting in her call, I put on a headset and began making connections.

J'ecoute

A corporal sitting next to me, nudged me and said: French call. I plugged in and said in French: "J'ecoute" the French equivalent of "Number, please." The voice on the other end answered me: "What do you mean, J'ecoute? I want the first echalon, advance headquarters of these headquarters."

Since our headquarters changed every night during the St Mihiel offensive, I answered: Yes sir. "Where is the First Echalon located, sir"?

"You know very well where it's located, operator," the gentleman asked.

No sir. We are not given that information, sir.

"What is your name, operator?" the voice asked.

"I am not allowed to give you my name, sir. My number is operator 22.

"Operator, I am in command of this post tonight, and I demand that you give me your name" he stated. I am sorry, sir, but I cannot do it. I am operator 22.

"Let me talk to the man I first talked to," the voice requested.

The corporal had been listening and repeated everything I had said.

The next morning the chief signal officer called me in his office and informed that that the corporal and I were to appear before a court martial that very day for insubordination and refusal to obey a command.

When I explained what had happened, the CSO said "You were absolutely right and you have nothing to fear. I was exonorated.

Thinking of home

After the Armistice, our work load was just as heavy. In Feb. 1919, my sister and I were transferred to Paris where I was a relief operator during the peace conference. Although it was wonderful to be in Paris in the spring, I began thinking of returning home, arriving in time perhaps to go to summer school in June to make up lost credits. I soon applied for my return and I was back in Berkeley at the end of May, just in time to register.

Photos courtesy

Presidio museum

These telephone operators pose in front of the First Army Headquarters at Souilly, France.

Ceremonies to honor special veterans

"J'Ecoute" is a French way of saying "I am listening, number please." That's one of the most common expressions used by scores of bilingual World War I (Signal Corps telephone operators who proudly served 'over there' under the command of General John J. Pershing and the American Expeditionary Forces.

Over 200 women served with a special unit of the Army Signal Corps and spoke both French and English in communiation service between the headquarters of the American and French armies.

On Sunday, a special ceremony will be held at the Presidio Army Museum at 1 p.m. to honor seven of the surviving communicators from the San Francisco-Bay Area. The event will highlight Veterans Day observances on post and begin on the lawn in front of the museum, located at the intersection of Lincoln Blvd. and Funston Ave.

The opening of a special exhibit honoring these ladies coincides with the 61st anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I.

Presentation of the Colors will begin the observance before welcoming comments by Colonel F. Whitney Hall, Jr., post commander. Following the invocation, World War I Victory Medals will be presented to the telephone operators from the Museum Association. The next activity includes a ribbon cutting ceremony, the official opening of the museum exhibit in honor of the patriotic females.

Included in the exhibit are uniforms, photographs, insignia, clippings and actual switchboard equipment. Most of these "memorabilia" was donated by the ladies to be hon ored who include Mrs. Marie Lange Harris of San Francisc, Mrs. Louise Le Breton Maxwell and Mrs. Helen Hill Verdi, both Berkeley residents; Mrs. Raymonde Le Breton Galet and Mrs. Marie Bousquet Johnson, both living in San Carlos and Mrs. Maude Johnson Webster of San Jose.

Despite the fact that the laides gave dedicated, efficient telephone communication service during the WWI effort, the women did not receive veteran status following the war. Even though the operators worked in the actual war zone, they were not considered as membes of the military forces.

However, the women received good news in August of this year when the Secretary of the Army issued honorable discharges to the ladies who served over sixty years ago. This official recognition on behalf of Congress and the Department of the Defense gave full veteran status to the operators with appropriate benefits.

The ceremonial exhibit opening will highlight the Veterans Day with these women soldiers as "guests of honor." Besides the Women's Overseas Service League members, several veterans groups including many other World War I veterans are expected to attend the events which is open to members of the post community and the general public.

Coping with disease isn't easy

"My disease didn't really begin to affect me until my senior year of high school, when I began to have crisis after crisis. My sister Patricia also has the disease. She had a stroke when she was nine years old that left physically crippled and with brain damage," said Joyce Owens, a casualty of sickle cell anemia.

Almost everyone has heard of something about the disease, but very little is known. Sickle cell anemia is a cronic inherited disease and occurs most frequently in black families. (However, some white families whose origins stem from the Mediterranian are afflicted by the disease also.) The red blood cells of a sickler deform to a sicle shape instead of the normal round or oval which causes crisis' of intense pain and strokes.

Joyce Owens is a victim who is learning to live with sickle cell anemia. She enrolled at Laney College in 1974 and does volunteer work at the Whitton School of Oakland for the Othopedically handicapped. "I learned alot by working with the teenage population of the school, many who are severly physically handicapped or mentally disabled," she said.

The disease strikes one in every 500 black children. In 1967, a total of 1,155 new cases of sickle cell were reported in the United States in comparison to 1,206 new cases of cystic fibrosis and 813 cases of muscular dystrophy.

There figures are alarming. However, an even more startling fact surfaces when you look at what is being done to support the fight of the disease.

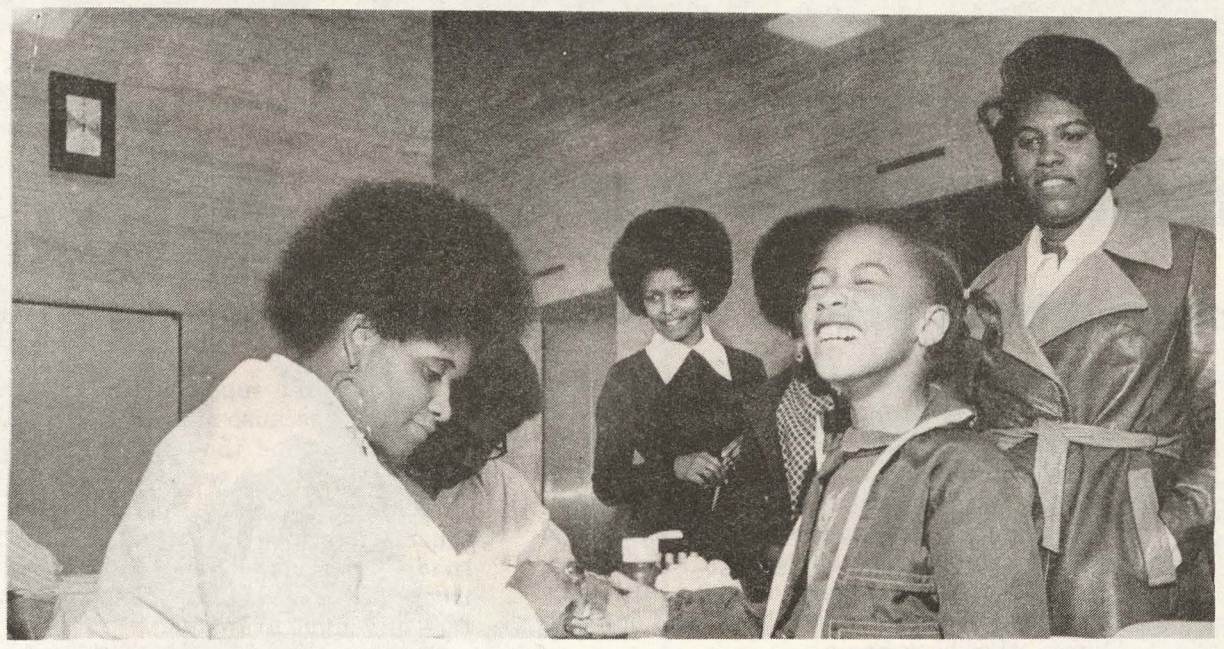
Cystic fibrosis collected $1.9 million and muscular dystrophy netted $7.9 million to fight their diseases while sickle cell raised less than $100,000! Only this meager amount was raised for a disease that occurs as frequently as the others, and is a major national health consideration.

With those limited funds the Sickle Cell Anemia and Disease Research Fund (SCARF) of the Bay AREa Chairperson, Ms. Lulu Carter, said, "We are striving to maintain an increased awareness and interest level" in fighting the disease.

Carter is a pioneer sickle cell organizer and an experienced teacher for the physically handicapped, as well as being active in civic, cultural and educational activities for sicklers.

Carter said that the thrust of their progrm will be to "Service the victims."

CFC, the Combined Federal Campaign, also cares. This funding campaign is you. You are what makes CFC keep caring. Help fight this financially weak purge of sickle cell anemia. Give just one more dollar than you did last year.



This little girl winces as her finger is pricked in a test for Sickle Cell Anemia.

16 Engineers win awards for safe driving

Sp4 Ken Livingston of the 864th Engineers operates a bulldozer truck, demonstrating the precision driving ability that he and other Engineers possess. Livingston is one of 16 Engineers who received awards for perfect driving records for 12 months and 12 thousand miles in both civilian and military vehilces. Other engineers receiving awards were: SSG Frederick Glenister, SSgt. John Gardner, SSgt. Wayne Redmond, Sgt. Richard Milly, Sgt. Kevin Schiebel, Sgt. Keith Anderson, Sgt. Donald Griffin, Sgt. Jimmy Ragland, Sp5 Clinton Richards, Sp5 David Wheeler, Sp4 Antonio Perry, Sp4 Danny Rich, Sp4 Thomas Cotherman, Sp4 Thomas Cottle, and Pv2 Andrew Solomon. (Photo by Tony Rose)

Off Post

by Tom Tiernan

Music will fill the air at Golden Gate Park on Saturday. From 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. the rock band "Ch' ien" will perform at Marx Meadow. "Santur," a jazz fashion ensemble, will play at the Band Concourse from noon until 3 p.m.

The premier racing even in Northern California will being the West's top amatuer and professional drivers together at Sears Point Raceway this weekend. Not only will a full schedule of racing be featured but the highlight and finale of the 1979 season will be a four hour endurance beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday the gates open at 7 a.m. with qualifying at 8:30 a.m. and racing at 1:45 p.m.

Sunday's schedule begins at 7 a.m. when the gates open, warm-ups begin at 8:30 a.m. and racing gets underway at 10 a.m.

Jazz on a Sunday afternoon with Brass Madness will be presented at Ft. Mason's Marina Music Hall in Building D beginning at 2 p.m.

Feel like Olympic material on the slopes one day and then fall all over yourself the next? You might be able to break this frustrating pattern by attending a special workshop at San Francisco State University on Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

"The Inner Skiing Experience" will be presented by Bob Kriegel, co-author of the bestseller, "Inner Skiing." The workshop is designed for beginning to expert skiers.

Positive inner skill, such as relaxed concentration, non-judgemental awareness, centering visualization, and rhythm and balance exercises, will be emphasized so that skiers may begin to experience their sport and the mountains more fully.

More information about the noncredit workshop is available by contacting the Division of Continuing Education at San Francisco University by calling 469-1373.

Also on Wednesday night, the Presidio Recreation Center presents rock music with "Record Express" from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The rock band "Nimbus" will return to the Rec Center Nov. 17 beginning at 8:30 p.m. and playing until midnight.

Discount coupons for a variety of "Ice Capades" performances at the Oakland Coliseum on Nov. 20, 23, 24, and 25 are available for all soldiers, dependents, civilians, retirees and reserve personnel. Save $1 on adult tickets and $2 on children's admission.

Going away for the three day weekend? If Reno's your destination, the Rec Center has a discount book which for a $1 can save you $40.

Free admission to "Chez Jacques, at 1390 California Street is available by presenting your ID card.

For more information about tickets or other Rec Center activities call 561-2000 any day after 4 p.m.

Sports

USAG upsets LAMC for post crown

By Bob Gascon and Tom Donaghy

From the brink of elimination the USAG "Wild Bunch" roared back to defeat LAMC No. 1 twice to capture the 1979 post Flag Football championship.

Having already lost to LAMC earlier in the tournament, USAG came prepared to do battle in what could have been the final game of the season. But when the smoke had cleared, the score stood 17-7 in favor of the "Wild Bunch."

Not even the rain could stop a "fired up" USAG team as they put an end to LAMC's dream of capturing another flag football crown.

The final game was a thriller throughout with USAG leading the entire games to take the crown with a 10-8 victory.

The first score of the game came on a long bomb from Frank Jones to Bobby Washington who made a spectacular grab in the end zone. Greg Martin's kick added the extra point and USAG was on its way with a 7-0 lead.

Both teams then exchanged interceptions as the second quarter went scoreless. The teams flexed their defensive muscles, forcing punts and penalties, and keeping each other from moving the ball down field. A missed LAMC field goal ended the half.

Rain began to pour on the already soggy field as the referee called for the third quarter to begin.

The teams exchanged possession of the ball until LAMC scored on what appeared to be a broken play with quarterback Eric Randolf running in for the score. The extra point attempt failed and the score stood at 7-6 in favor of USAG.

The "Wild Bunch" set up a drive late in the third quarter to set up a field goal on the first play of the final stanza and insure their victory.

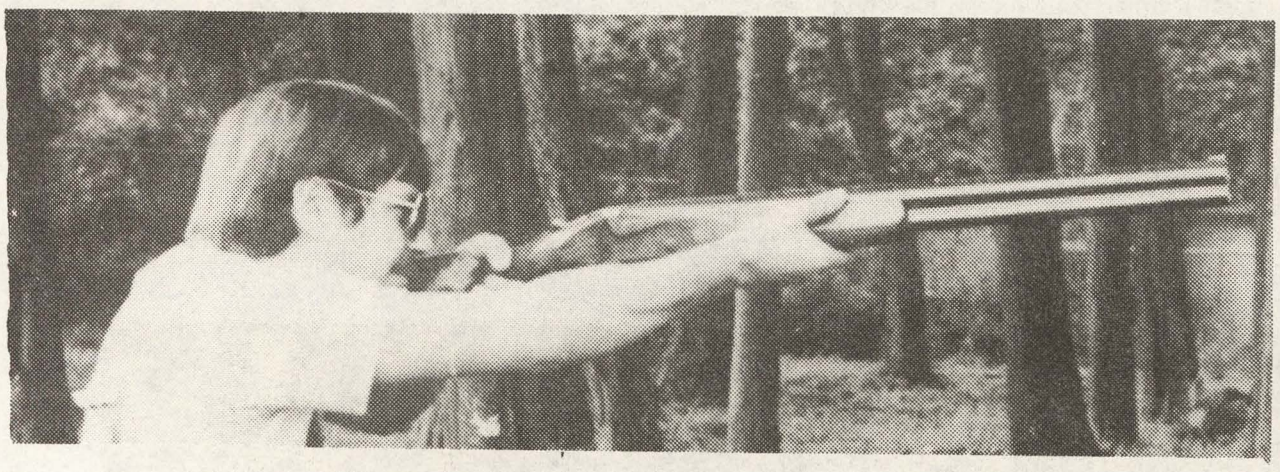
LAMC's final score of the game came on the final game of the game as they jumped on a USAG fumble in the end zone.

It was a fine offensive and defensive effort by USAG that gave them the crown. Applying the famed "Dallas Cowboy flex defense" the "Wild Bunch" allowed itself to bend but not break.

When LAMC's offense finally did seem to be rolling along, marching the entire length of the field toward a score, they would be thwarted by either a penalty, an interception or just not being able to execute the play at a critical moment.

For the victory USAG collected the post championship and the league runner-up trophies. LAMC receive the runner post champ cup and LAIR took home the league championship crown.

Glen Turner (USAG) heads down field lead by Bobby Washington during the USAG—LAMC battle for the post flag football crown. (Photo by Ken Goffrey)



Sp5 Mike Davis takes aim here on the Presidio, showing off some of the talents that won him a first place trophy in the Forscum-wide skeet shooting tournament held in Fort Carson, Col. (Photo by PFC Tony Rose)

Presidians capture skeet honors

Two skeet shooters from the Presidio recently placed first and second in the FORSCOM—wide skeet shooting tournament held at Fort Carson, Colorado recently.

Sp5 Mike Davis won the class E first place trophy, hitting 178 out of 200 clay pigeons, while MSg Lyndon Roberts took second in the class C division with 196 out of 200.

Davis, is LAIR lab technician in blood research said, "I had a good time shooting there. It was a great bunch of people."

He used an SKB model 600 shotgun to win his prize though he's only been in the sport less than a year. "When I tried it I just fell in love with it," Davis said. "It's great. It really helps for hunting purposes and I hunt dove."

The Presidio skeet club will show a movie on clay target shooting, filmed by a camera mounted on the weapon. The film will be shown Friday, Nov. 16 at noon in class room AS3101, in the Letterman Army Institute of Research. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For further details and information concerning the film or the skeet team, contact Maj, Askew by phoning 5837.

Golf tournament nets $1,140

The 1979 Combined Federal Campaign at the Presidio benefited by an additional $1140.67 as the result of the first annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament, Nov. 2, at the Presidio Golf Course.

According to Col. Dick Blake who coordinated the tournament, "It was truly heartwarming to see the generosity and dedication of the golfers who came out in support of the CFC." Rain poured down on the Presidio course at several points during the tournament.

Winners in the tournament included Lou Caviglia who took first in the low net category, and Jerry Lewis, first low gross. The two closest to the pin competitions were taken by Art Akina and Vin Ramil.

Swimmers' laps help raise funds

Twenty-eight members of the Presidio Aquarius Swim Club swam 35 miles on Sunday to raise money for the Combined Federal Campaign.

When the swimming was over more than 1,862 laps of the pool had been completed and the CFC was $248 richer with more money yet to come.

Swimmers who participated in the fundraising event were:

Name	Laps Completed
Julie Adams	70
Sara Adams	50
Rebecca Askew	72
Lisa Bell	49
Teddy Dunne	30
Corey Eazer	200
Patrick Flannery	90
Melva George	80
Meg Halsey	100
Cassie Humphrey	52
Beth Hutton	10
John Hutton	10
Carol Jennings	21
Le Ann Langeliers	26
Lisa Langeliers	22
Ann Marie McConnell	23
Holly Meegan	90
Carol Meshinsky	50
Margie Moore	110
Mark Russo	140
Nicholas Russo	100
Michael Schneider	50
Todd Schneider	40
Wendy Siefert	80
Pauline Slisz	102
Ken Smith	20
Robin Wicks	100
Rocky Wicks	75

Presidio News Notes

Recycling set

Because of inclement weather, the recycling pick-up for the month has been changed to Nov. 17. All Presidio residents are urged to have their newspapers and aluminum cans ready for pickup. The Recycling Center is located in Bldg. 204, between post headquarters and the PX. Donations of newspapers and aluminum cans can be dropped off at any time.

Bike shop to open

Presdio bicycle enthusiasts will soon have a new shop especially for their hobby.

"The Bike Shop" a new exchange concession will open its door Nov. 13 in the old bus stop next to the post cafeteria on Lincoln Blvd.

The shop will offer service and repair work as well as selling bicycles and accessory items.

Classes set

San Francisco State and the University of California have announced that they will offer the following interesting weekend classes:

Slide-Sound Program Production. Learn to improve your slide shows with synchronized sound on Nov. 17-18. One quarter hour Art credit will be awarded Nov. 17-18; Tuition is $50.

In Pursuit of Jack London. Visit the Valley of the Mon, the Jack London Museum, and the ruins of Wolf House Nov. 17 and 18. One semester hour in Humanities credit will be given. Tuition is $42, with travel cost of $39 which includes roundtrip motorcoach, two lunches, admission, and study materials.

Sierra Snow Ascent. Take Amtrak to Reno on Dec. 1 to observe different land use patterns at various elevations. On Dec. 2, travel by motorcoach to the Comstock Lode m ining area. Stops will be made at Virginia City and Carson City. One semester hour of Geography credit will be awarded; Tuition is $42 with travel cost of $81 including share twin/$93 single includes one-way train, one-way motorcoach, overnight accommodations, and one lunch.

Mushrooms. Learn identification, distribution, ecology, structure, edibility and economic significance of 40 to 160 varieties of mushrooms on the Mendocino coast area Dec. 7-9. Two quarters hours of Botany credit will be given. Tuition is $75 which includes rustic lodging with kitchen facilities.

The California Gray Whale and California Sea Otter. Cruise Monterey Bay Jan. 5-6 to observe migrating California gray whales. Go ashore to study sea otters as well as birds and the animal life of the bay. One quarter hour Zoology Credit will be given. Tuition is $60 and includes boat transportation.

Army tuition assistance is available to pay 75 per cent of the tuition fee. However, you must pay the travel cost.

To register or get additional information, contact a counselor at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 561-4900/2974, or LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007, 561-4030/3692. Don't delay. Enrollment is limited, and these classes fill up fast.

Dinner planned

A dinner-dance in honor of CSM and Mrs. Lorenzo River-Curz of Sixth Army will be held Nov. 27 at the Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club beginning at 7 p.m.

All enlisted soldiers and civilians in GS-6 grades and below are invited. Dress will be formal attire for civilians and either dress blues or greens with white shirt and bow tie for soldiers.

Tickets are $8.75 each and may be obtained by calling either Sgt. Maj. Bibb at 561-4847 or Sgt. Maj. Norman at 561-3034.

Don't feed the animals

Families living in quarters are requested not to feed the raccoons. Although they may look cute and friendly, they are wild animals that can and will attack without warning or provocation. Several pet dogs on post have been severely mauled by raccoons recently, and at least one incident of a serious human raccoon bite reported. Since the raccoon has the **potential** to carry rabies, animals bitten may be quarantined and persons may have to undergo the rabies series unless the specific raccoon is identified and captured.

Feeding will draw additional raccoons to the area (the word does get around). Even involuntary feeding by not tying down your garbage can lids or having the facilities engineers fix your garbage can racks does the same thing. This leads to more overturned garbage cans to clean up and confrontations with the neighborhood dogs. An over-population of raccoons follow and as the food sources diminish from your absence on permanent change of station or leave, malnutrition and disease will follow and severely affect the raccoons. So you are not really doing them a favor, unless you are willing to feed an ever-increasing number of raccoons indefinitely!

Please consider what disasters your kindness now may cause to raccoons, pets, and people; and PLEASE DON'T FEED THE RACCOONS.

Call for help

The youth basketball season will be getting underway very shortly.

The teams will be divided into two leagues. The major league will be composed of young men and women in the 13 to 16-year-old bracket. The minor league teams cover ages 9 thru 12.

Coaches are needed. Anyone who is interested in helping out as a coach should contact Jeff Flournoy at ext. 2728 or 2837.

Movies

Presidio Theatre

Nov. 9—The Muppet Movie (G)
Nov. 10—The Muppet Movie (G)
Nov. 11—Dracula (R)
Nov. 12—Dracula (R)
Nov. 13—The Brink's Job (PG) (RE)
Nov. 14The Great Train Robbery (PG)
Nov. 14—Love and Bullets (PG)
Nov. 15—Love and Bullets (PG)

Schwartz Theater, Letterman

Nov. 9—Prophecy (PG)
Nov. 12—Take Down (PG)
Nov. 13—Meatballs (PG)
Nov. 14—California Suite (PG)
Nov. 15—The Warriors (R)
Nov. 16—The Muppet Movie (G)

Veronica's Room continues at Presidio Playhouse

Pamela Ciochetti and Kent Baldwin share a tender moment during the play "Veronica's Room" currently being performed at the Presidio Playhouse.

The play will continue through next weekend with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and on Nov. 11 and 18 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office daily, except Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. and 30 minutes before each performance.

The play is recommended for adult audiences. (Photo by Janet and Andrej Novak)

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Presidio returns to odd-even

The odd-even gas rationing plan will return to the Presidio PX gas station on Monday.

The move is being made following Governor Jerry Brown's order to implement the system statewide. The California governor took the action after President Jimmy Carter announced that he had ordered the U.S. to stop purchasing Iranian oil.

The system was first implemented here during the gas shortage last May. The system was lifted in October.

The plan allows drivers whose license plates end in an odd number to fill up on odd days, and those with license that end in even numbers to purchase gas on even days. Those with personalized licenses may also purchase gas on even days.

During months with 31 days, the last day of the month will be open for both odd and even purchasing.

According to Mr. Donald Smart of DPCA, the odd-even system is designed to do two things. "First it will help cut down gas lines which may appear if another oil shortage develops, and secondly, it will help conserve the gas we've already got."

"We can avoid creating another shortage if people will avoid panic buying and topping off their gas tanks," Smart concluded.

When he signed the order re-imposing the odd-even system, Gov. Brown gave no indication as to when the order might be lifted.

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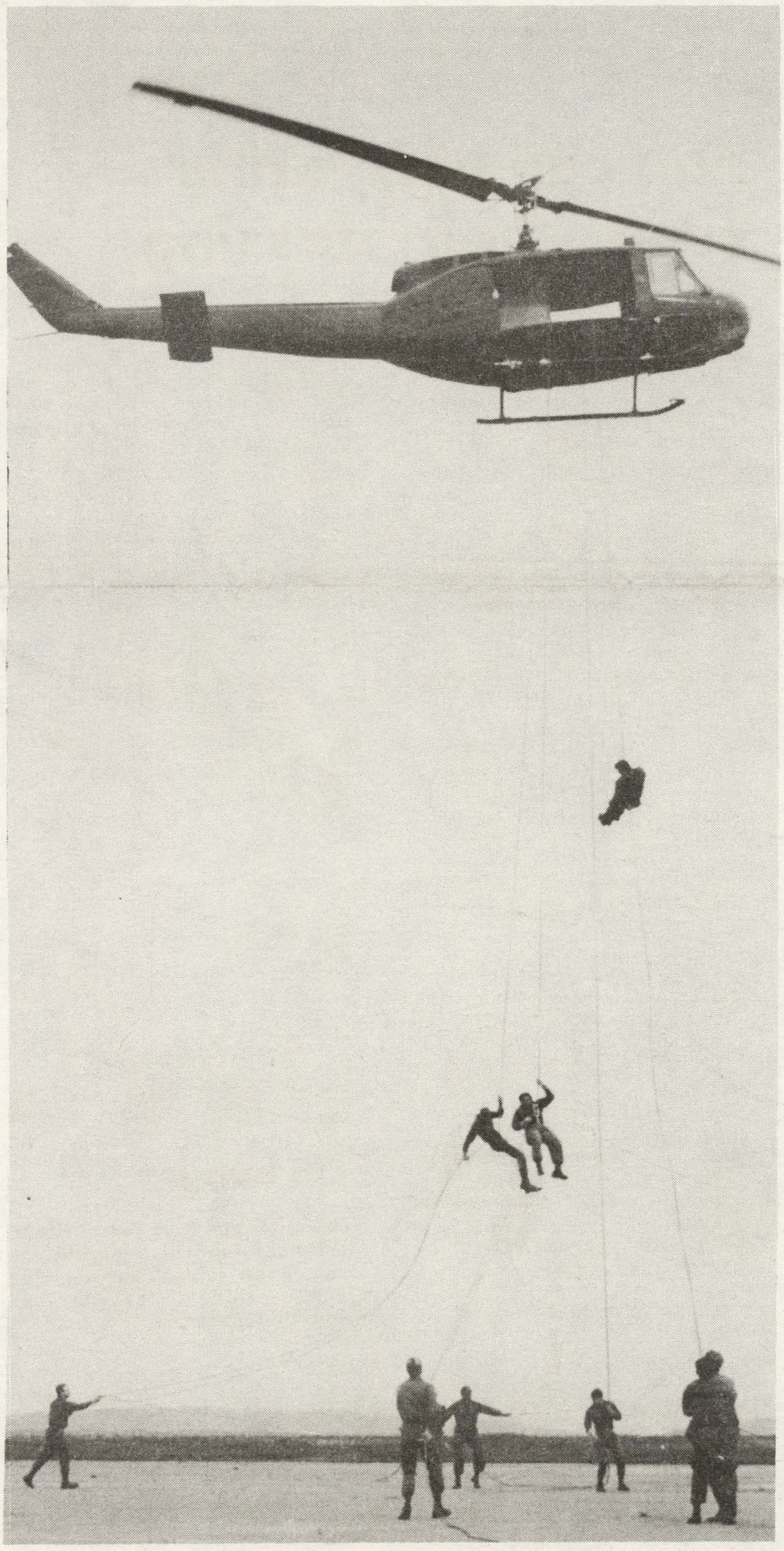

Down from the heavens

Members of the 504th MP Battalion recently took to the air in helicopters to participate in a special training exercise. The military police, with the assistance of the aviation detachment at Hamilton Air Force Base, were able to practice rappelling from a hovering craft and rescuing others through the use of a special hoist. One part of the training included a one mile flight while hanging onto the hoist. (Photo by Anthony Burgess).

Cold water may cool energy use

by Tom Donaghy

Presidians may soon only have cold water to use in all administration offices if a plan currently under consideration is approved according to Mr. Edward W. Crane, Chief of utilities at DFAE.

Crane explained saying, this step is being considered due to the Iranian oil ban and stricter DA guidelines to conserve energy."

The Presidio's energy consumption rate has increased approximately 14 percent over last year instead of cutting back 5 percent as proposed by DA, FORSCOM, and DOE, points out Crane. He attributes this to the increased use of equipment acquired after the goals were set. However, he added that "We are going to still try to cut back despite the added loads."

By cutting the use of hot water in all administrative buildings, Crane said, will help save 22 percent of the post's energy saving goal. Hot water will still be available to all house areas and the hospitals, as well as those places that can justify the need for hot water, he added.

When asked where the other 78 percent of the goal would come from, Crane explained a massive plan being designed to tailor fit each building to allow it to use its' energy efficiently.

"We are going to look at each individual building to determine its needs," he said. "We need the help of the people who work in these buildings because only they know their offices' peculiarities."

These "peculiarities" would include cold drafts that need insulation, hot spots where the sun bakes all day, and so on. Crane said that any assistance in helping the engineers design a good energy efficient plan for your particular building is welcome.

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'Town-Hall' meeting held to discussnew post parking policy

An open forum "town hall" type meeting on the subject of the new pay to park policy was held at the Post Theater on Nov. 8 by Presidio Commander, F. Whitney Hall, Jr.

A crowd of 400 people listened attentively to parking control officer, Maj. William Vencill, and Hall as they gave a detailed explanation of the new policy. Neither speaker ignored the unpopularity of the policy and neither did the gathered listeners.

In spite of the mood of the crowd, Hall emphasized the need to comply with the regulation and encouraged cooperation by the Group. "Government employees are being asked to set an example in the country's effort to conserve energy," said Hall. "With the fuel crisis, conserving energy must be done. It's not easy. People will have to be forced to conserve," he added.

Hall initially explained that the money collected will be used to pay for paints and supplies to mark off parking areas. Also, a contract for a local company to enforce and administer the program with meter maids and parking lot attendants will eventually be funded by the parking fees.

The commander went on to explain that parking permits are required only for those spaces marked 'reserved'. The military police will issue citations during regular working hours for anyone illegally parked. He also pointed out that carpools of four people or more will not have to pay any fees. Said Hall, "The Department of Defense, the Office of Management and budget and the Department of the Army do not make any exemptions for carpools in their guidelines for the parking program. It's a local idea, and a bonus to those who save fuel."

In conclusion, Vencill and Hall promised that coordination on the information concerning the pay to park policy would continue and that everyone who was affected by the program would be kept informed by every means available.

Ramblin' Sam

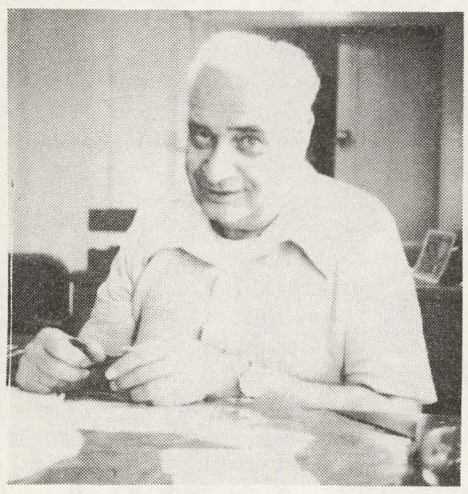
What are you going to do to cut your gasoline usage?

Capt. David Murdock, DPTSEC—"I take the Hamilton shuttle to work. It saves me a dollar a day."

Sp4 Nadine Romero, Welcome Center—"I'm not going to worry about it because I'm going to sell my car and ride the bus for a quarter."

Pv2 Robert Pressley, USAG—"I'm going to stop borrowing my friends car."

Mrs. Pat Wiversoll, Provost Marshals' Office—"I wasn't intending to cut back any more. I only use 10 gallons of gas a week and I own a small economy car, so I think I'm doing my fair share."



Bob LaRose, I.D. Section—"I'm not going to do anything since I do not have a car."

Reader Opinion

It was dark out when I unlocked the garage of my home in Los Angeles. As I lifted the large door and stepped into the unlighted room there was a loud crashing sound and I felt a pain at my throat. The heavy garage door came crashing down, knocking me to the floor.

The garage door spring had broken with a force that was too great for even the safety cable to contain. I was very lucky, for the spring had only grazed my throat as it flew through the air.

I'm telling this story because of a similar potentially dangerous situation found on post. One of the large nuts that hold these springs was about to come off on my garage. After calling Post Facilities Engineering, I was told they would fix it. But after questioning, I learned there is no inspection of garages or preventative maintenance program for them. The reason given was lack of available manhours.

Our garage door mechanisms are old and most are rusted. I strongly encourage everyone with garages on post to make a personal inspection or call 361-2104 and request that your garage door be looked at by qualified maintenance personnel. PROTECT YOURSELF.

Maj. C. Des Forges

You can help others count their blessings

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a day for counting our blessings, but for many of us it is a day for counting how many trips we make to the table or how many yards were covered in that touchdown drive.

Too often we forget how good our life is. We also tend to be thankful, for material things and forget about those intangables such as life and liberty.

Those things which we tend to take for granted are those that if we were to lose them our lives would be empty and without meaning.

One of the things which we have been given as a right and an obligation is to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Each year thousands of Americans and others around the world die of starvation, disease, and from a lack of a decent home.

Thousands of children are left orphaned and without care by parents killed in war or who can no longer care for them. Cambodia brings this situation clearly into mind.

Parents share the anguish of watching their children die of hunger and diseases because they have no money to buy food or medicine.

In our own country millions of people are inflicted with cancer, sickle cell anemia, and other crippling diseases for which research continues to attempt to find a cure.

While all these things go on around us, most of us sit back and complain that we don't have enough, or perhaps we don't even take the time to notice what we do have.

All of us have an opportunity each year to help improve the lives of those who have less, by sharing just a little of what we have.

The Combined Federal Campaign gives us the opportunity to help feed and clothe the poor and fight disease through a one-time contribution or monthly payroll deductions.

Next Thursday when you sit down at the Thanksgiving table, count your blessings and see if you can help someone else have a few more blessings next year.

The Editor

I'm hungry

This little girl may have little to be thankful for this year, but you can make next Thanksgiving more meaningful through your contribution to the CFC.

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Presidio day care centers offer more than just babysitting

The excited laughter of children plaing games and learning to get along together is what a child care center is all about.

Insuring that an environment for growth and development is provided for children being cared for in the Child Support Service Facilities is the responsibility of Ms. Eileen Henriques, coordinator of child support services, Arlyene Ballard, Director of the Pre-School /Kindergarten, and Elfrieda Robertson, Director of the nursery, teachers and child care attendants working with them.

Henriques became coordinator of child support services in July after serving as education coordinator for the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program. Her child care experience includes work in a California day care center, and in cooperative nursery schools in Massachusetts.

A native of California, Henriques received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College majoring in psychology, and her Master's degree from Brandeis University, where she did field work in child therapy.

As the coordinator of child support services, Henriques oversees the functioning of the post pre-school/kindergarten, the nursery, and the family day care centers. She also serves as a representative on the Presidio Child Protection and Case Management Team.

"My job involves insuring that children are enriched by their experience when they are being cared for by individuals other than their parents," Henriques explains. "A nursery or preschool or family day care center must be more than a place where children are temporarily cared for in the absence of their parents. It must also be a place where they are given an environment in which they can grow emotionally, physically, and intellectually."

To make the facilities an enriching experience for the children, Henriques is responsible for insuring that in-service training is provided for the child care attendants. "They must be more than baby-sitters," she states. "They should be teachers, group leaders, role models, mediator, and warm understanding individuals. It is important that they know the growth patterns of children. These early ages are the time of enormous learning potential."

Henriques is also responsible for seeing that there is enrichment programs in the family day care centers where wives or mothers in the private homes provide day care for children of working parents.

"Children are not the only concern of the Child Support Services Coordinator," Henriques points out. "Parents, too, can grow in their relationships with their children and with each other."

According to Henriques, being a parent is often a difficult task. Increased knowledge and self-awareness may not only ease the task, but add to the interest and joy.

Here at the Presidio, the nursery differs from the pre-school/kindergarten in that it offers "babysitting" services for all day, for part of a day, or for just an hour.

"At the nursery, the number of staff required on any given day depends on the number of children needing care," states Henriques. To help determine these requirements, a reservation system has been initiated.

Reservations may be made for children six months to 18 months of age and are almost always necessary because of limited space for this age group.

According to Henriques, reservations for older children are a good idea for special occasions, such as meetings of wives' clubs. "This assures a place for the child and enough of a staff on hand to properly care for the children," she explains.

Henriques stresses that when reservations cannot be kept, the center should be notified as soon as possible. "This," she says, "makes it possible for the center to either take another child, or reduce the number of staff members.

Failure to cancel reservations could result in a penalty. A penalty system for failure to cancel reservations is a guideline for preventing abuse of the reservations systems, and to make users aware that number of children and of staff are ever present considerations in a child care facility.

The nursery welcomes children between the ages of six months and eight years—and is open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Friday from 7:15 a.m. to midnight, and on Saturday, the center opens at noon and closes at 1 a.m.

Once upon a time

Katrina Garrido is tellilng these children a fairy-tale. Ms. Eileen Henriques supervises the classes for pre-school age children here. (Photo by Tony Rose)

Thankgiving menus set for post diners and Officers' Club

There'll be a lot of turkeys on the Presidio next Thursday as soldiers and their famiies pause for Thanksgiving Day.

A complete bill of fare is planned for the dining facilities of U. S. Army Garrison and the 504th MP Battalion. Soldiers and their families will be able to dine on a selection of turkey, ham, shrimp cocktail, a variety of vegetables and salads, mincemeat and pumpkin pies as well as fruit cake.

The USAG facility will open its door for this traditional meal from noon until 2 p.m., while the 504th meal will be served from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Cost for the meal will be as follows: Officers—$3.15, enlisted personnel on separate rations—$2.05, dependents 12 years of age or over—$3.15 and dependents under 12 will pay $2.10.

The Presidio Officers' Club will serve its traditional holiday meal at 2, 4, and 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the club at 561-4260. Cost of the meal will be $7 for adults and $4 for children.

Energy use

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Crane stressed that he and the engineers are not trying to make life uncomfortable, but energy efficient while still maintaining a high standard of living and good working environments.

According to the law, heaters must not be set above 65 degrees, and air conditioners must not be set lower than 78.

The engineers are in the process of modifying many Presidio offices. Crane said that most offices are abiding by the regulations, but warned that "drastic action" may be taken against those people who bring in their own heaters from home, because they nullify all the work done to cut down on energy usage, and because they're against regulation. "We've seen those space heaters in a lot of buildings and they have to come out. They're a no no," he stated.

"We're asking for help. We want people to really do their part," Crane said. "I'm not looking for tattle tails, just for everyone to do their part. The way it stands today, people must start treating their offices as if they were paying the bills.

Crane again stressed that it is the Presidio working force who will determine if the plan of conserving energy is a success. The loss of hot water is just one plan that will be used to curb the use of energy. By 1985 the workers at Presidio will be allowed even less fuel to work with, as President Carter's goal is a 20 percent reduction in the use of energies used in the last fiscal year.

The DFAE has three new boards which are being put up to let the people of Presidio know just how well the post is doing in its efforts to conserve. They will be called the "PSF Energy Speedometer." One is already in place at LAMC, the largest energy consumer on post. The second will be placed in front of post headquarters, and the third will be put up in the PX shopping mall.

Crane said that they will be indicators to how well we are conserving, and to let people know if they are doing their jobs in this effort.

Make those reservations now

by Tom Tiernan

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Presidio, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung on the wall lockers with care in hope that Saint Nicholas would soon be there.

The soldiers were all nestled snuggle in their bunks, while vision of being home for Christmas dance in their heads. . .

This is a situation some soldiers may find themselves in over the holidays if they don't make their reservations soon.

According to Ms. Betty Jo Byrnes of the Schedule Airline Ticket Office here, reservations are becoming harder to get as the holidays grow nearer.

"Everything in touch and go forth most cities. We recommend that those planning on traveling during the holidays call the airlines first and then try to adjust their leaves around those dates," Byrnes explains.

Most airlines recommend making reservations as soon as possible to avoid not getting home in time for the holidays. While most super saver fares have already been taken, some discount fares other than the military discount are still available if soldiers are willing to be flexible.

"Super saver fares are generally cheaper than the military discount and they apply to the whole family and not just the soldier," explains Byrnes.

"We recommend that the soldier make his reservation with the airlines and then let us know what arrangement has been made and we'll write up the ticket for him."This way," Byrnes points out, "the soldier can save himself a trip to the airport or downtown to pick up his ticket."

The SATO office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are planning to travel by train, reservations must also be made right away. According to railroad officials, most long distance trains are approaching the solid out mark especially during the period from Dec. 14 through 22, and Jan. 1 and 2.

The trains offer military discounts for travel and family fares for every day but Friday and Sunday.

Travel by train can be made in two classes, either coach or sleeping car. Coach seats recline for sleeping, while sleeping cars offer beds and seats in one room.

If you plan to fly, the following travel trips are recommended:

Stay away from peak travel days such as Dec. 21-23 and the weekend immediately after the new year. This will help avoid the crowds and confusion at the airport.

Christmas presents should be packed in suitcases and checked before boarding. Since all packages being carried aboard the plane must go through security, it may be necessary to unwrap them first.

Parents with infants should bring along a small bottle with milk or juice in it for take offs and landings to help the child avoid the pain through the ear popping problem. The sucking and swollowing will help avoid this painful situation. Older children should be given gum or hard candy.

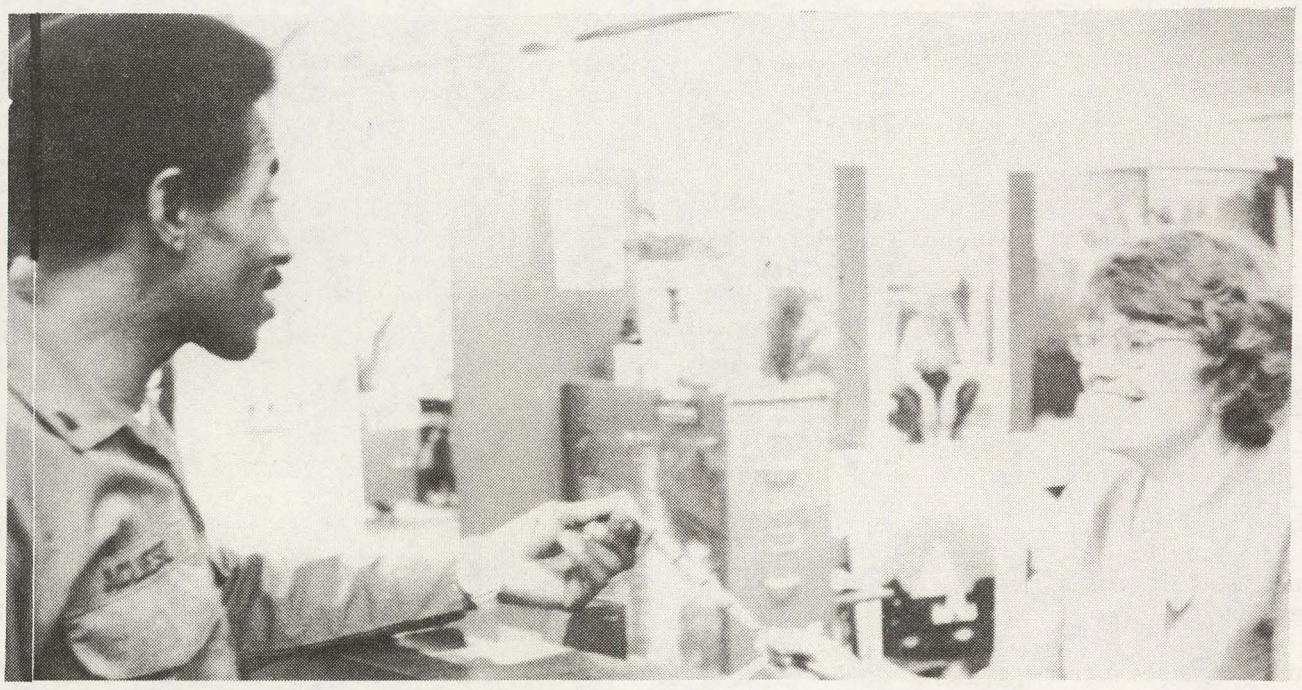
Since travel during the holiday season is often delayed due to weather conditions, it is recommended that parents bring along games and books to keep children occupied on the plane and in the airport. Cookies or crackers should also be carried to help take the bite off the appetite.

Leave the pets at home if at all possible.

Most airlines pre-board families with small children or elderly persons if this applies to you, check with the ticket agent.

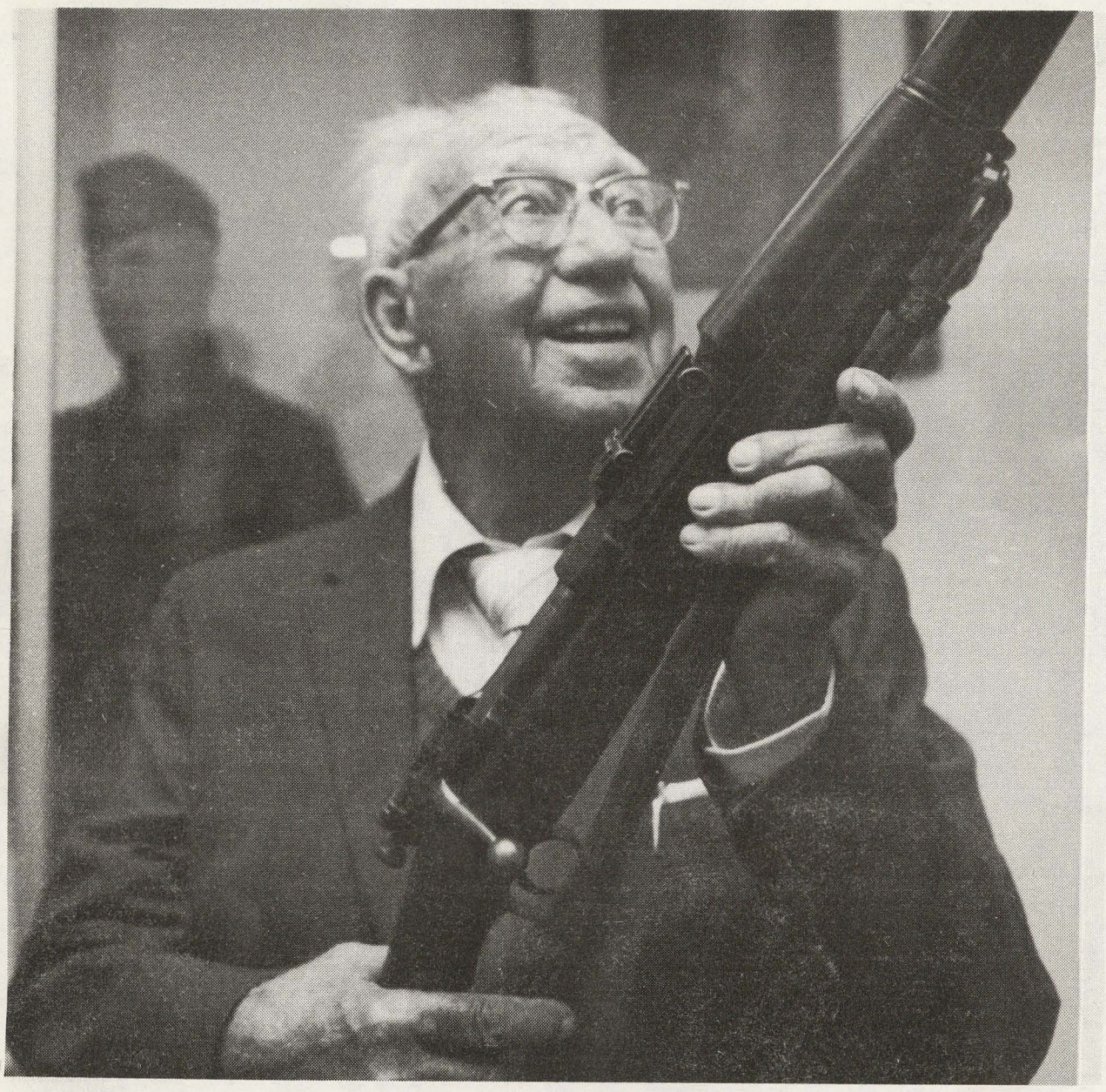
Carry make up, medication and sunglasses in a carry on flight bag just in case your luggage gets lost.

And finally, be prepared, reserve ahead and have a happy holiday season.



Beating the Christmas rush

Sp4 Lindon Alliese receives his airline tickets from Ms. Betty Jo Byrnes of the SATO office. Byrnes urges anyone planning on traveling during the holidays to make their airline reservations *as soon as* possible to avoid being left behind during the holidays.



I remember when. . .

Mr. Antonio Ruvolo, examines an old friend, the M-1 rifle which was used during the first World War. (Photo by Bill Makiel)

Homecoming

World War I vet visits

by Ted Elisee

One of the oldest surviving World War I era veterans visited the Presidio last week.

Mr. Antonio Ruvolo,90, returned to the Presidio after a 60 year absence when he was stationed here as a cook during the World War I era.

The return visit all started when a grandson called the Public Affairs Office asking whether the office would be willing to show his grandfather around the Presidio. When Ruvolo arrived at the Presidio, his expression was one of surprise. He just couldn't get over the changes in the post and had a difficult time recognizing old landmarks among the new buildings that had sprung up around them.

The first area that he was shown was the mess hall. He was quite impressed about the modern dining facility at USAG. "We had nothing like this," he said. "There were no choices, just what was cooked, and of course no snack bar to run to," he reflected.

With a quick step he then went to lunch with the Presidio commander, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., who asked him to reminisce about his days on the Presidio. What struck Ruvolo most was the changes in dress and changes in the mess hall structure he had just visited. "When soldiers didn't eat what was served, they had the same thing served the next day. No leftovers were thrown out!"

As the strong veteran left the lunch, he was met by newsmen from KPIX-TV. He took the interview in stride and fielded questions with a flair. His excitement about all the attention he was receiving came through as a confident smile. It was obvious that he was enjoying what was being done for him.

By the time he was finished his interview at Pershing Square, there were a number of people waiting to show him the Presidio Museum.

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More than religion behind these walls

Inside the adobe walls of the Mission Delores visitors find more than a beautiful chapel, but also a lot of San Francisco history. The mission was founded five days before the Declaration of Independence was signed and is considered to be one of the oldest buildings in the city.
(U. S. Army Photo)

Mission Delores

More than a chapel within those walls

by Tom Tiernan

Looking for a quick trip on a Sunday afternoon? If so, the Mission Delores may be the answer.

Located on Delores St. just off Market, the mission is the oldest building in the city of San Francisco.

When the first colonists to the bay area arrived on June 29, 1776, they celebrated Holy Mass within the present boundaries of the mission just five days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

At first the mission was called Mission San Francisco de Asis, but soon out of affection for the blessed Virgin, the people began to call the entire area around the church and the mission itself Delores.

The mission is 114 feet long and 22 feet wide. The adobe walls are four feet thick and were preserved by covering them with clapboards. The red roof has the original timbers and tiles still in tact. The timbers are rough hewn redwood lashed together with rawhide.

Inside the small chapel is a hand carved altar and statues which were imported from Mexico in 1780. The ceiling, although, repainted still shows the decorations made by the Indians with diamond patterns of red, yellow, blue and white, paint made from vegetables and cinnabar.

Near the altar is a bronze plague laid in the floor to mark the grave of Capt. Don Jose Joaquin Moraga who helped lead the colonists up from Mexico to the bay area.

Outside the chapel is a small cemetary where some of San Francisco's famous and not-so famous citizens are buried. Among the more interesting is Arrabella Cora one of the city's most famous madams.

Some of the earliest grave markers were made of wood and have since disintegrated because of age and fire. To honor those forgotten dead a Grotto of Lourdes is also located in the cemetary.

A statue of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk Indian who is a symbol of all California redskins is also located near the grotto. Since she is on her way toward canonization she may be the first native American saint.

Also in the cemetary is a status honoring Padre Junipero Serra who was the President of the California Mission system at the time Mission Delores was founded.

Next door to the mission is the Mission Delores Basilica.

A large parish church, the basilica was consecrated in 1936 to replace the church destroyed by the 1906 earthquake which left the Mission Delores virtually unharmed.

The main altar is of Numidain marble and the crucifix over it was imported from Italy.

Around the main aisle of the basilica are medallions with the pictures of the twelve apostles. Behind the altar are mosaics of St. Rose of Lima, Mater Dolorosa, St. Francis, and St. Emudius.

The windows of the basilica represent the 21 missions of California. Made in Germany, the windows show the mission, the date of its founding, and the saint or event represented by its name.

To the rear of the altar are an umbrella and a bell. The umbrella known as a pavilion and the bell indicate the church of the Holy Father, who is the Pope. The pavilion would be used to protect the Pontiff from the sun or rain, and the bell would be used to announce his coming to the faithful.

At the military shrine of the Sacred Heart, are the names of those who gave military service, and even their lives for the country. Emblems in the shrine include those of the United States, and the Papal Flag, and the black Virgin of Our Lady of Czentochowa of Poland.

Admission to the Mission and the Basilica is only 25 cents donation. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:45 p.m.

A watchful padre

This statue of Padre Junipero Serra looks down otn the grave markers of the Mission Delores cemetary. Serra was the President of the California missions at the time the mission was founded in 1776. The cemetary is the last resting spot for many famous and not-so famous San Franciscans (Photo by Tom Tiernan)

WWI veteran visits Presidio

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Museum curator, Eric Saul, greeted him warmly and began to show him displays depicting the Presidio as it appeared when Ruvolo was stationed here. Ruvolo nodded his head many times and added to the commentary that was made by Saul. It was obvious that he was more at home in the museum environment. With the modern Presidio outside, and the old Presidio before him, he glowed and began many stories about his life then.

He commented about the weapons he used, and the way he lived in his barracks. He noted that the Golden Gate Bridge was not built when he was here.

Newscameras continued to roll and he never flinched from the lights. It was obvious that he was lost in reverie.

His proud son and grandsons stood by and listened to their family head relate his experiences to them. The love was flowing easily and it was apparent that they were very proud of him.

He was untiring in his efforts to absorb all that was happening around him. Shortly after his visit to the museum, he left with a small contingent for the Post Commanders office.

As he got out of the car he noted that the Headquarters building was the school where he learned how to cook for his fellow soldiers. He just smiled when he was told that the building now enclosed the Post Commanders office.

Hall met the friendly vet in his office. Thanking him for sharing some insight into the Presidio of the past, the commander presented him with a print depicting the Presidio as it appeared in 1917. After the short ceremony, the group moved on to a short tour of the Presidio.

The last stop on the tour was Inspiration Point. As Mr. Antonio Ruvolo smiled and bid goodbye, his hosts welcomed him back anytime, and expressed hope that his 100th birthday would be celebrated on the Presidio.

Taking care of your lawn is more than cutting the grass

by Ted Elisee

Off the beaten track of the beautiful 49 mile drive, which winds its way through the Presidio is the well hidden, but then again, highly visible greenery of the Presidio housing area.

The term "greenery" is a term that can be loosely translated as vegetation that grows around our homes. Now, there is good greenery and bad greenery.

Mrs. Peggy Neeley of Portola St., on the Presidio, is a resident who is concerned about plant life an the preservation of good greenery. Neeley, a woman of many diverse opinions and hobbies finds her interest in plant life the most fulfilling in her lifestyle. She explained, "Taking care of the area around your house and keeping it beautiful takes some work, but the end result is worth it."

"Cutting the grass is not all that is needed to keep up your area," said Neeley. You've got to control the weeds, and shape the bushes and shrubs, too. Planting flowers will help improve the area, and cutting back plants to allow them to rest will also help."

Neeley pointed out that plants on the Presidio basically grow 365 days a year. For that reason, they require constant care and nurturing. When asked about weed control, she replied, "You know, there are all kinds of weeds and many ways of controlling them and also getting rid of them. First of all if you sprinkle weed killer, you only kill the seeds that will produce additional weeds later on. The weeds that presently exist will still be there, but the weeds that would form in the future are prevented from being formed by the seeds being killed by the weed killer. The process of killing weeds already present is another process all together. That requires another type of weed killer or you can just root them out by hand.

Realizing that the thought of getting rid of weeds brings on the problem of cost, Neeley was quick to point out that if someone would initially use weed killer to kill existing weeds and then weeds of the future, the cost would be only $40 per year. She went on to suggest that weed killer might even be available through supply channels.

"Shrubs, bushes, and trees are potentially dangerous to the quarters," said Neeley. "If not controlled, they can hold enough moisture to cause damage to paint and cracking to the walls of the quarters." She suggests that cutting back eight months growth would prevent such damage and would bring a fuller look in the future.

On the subject of flowers, it was difficult for Neeley to pinpoint just what to plant on the Presidio. She related the differences in soil that existed on the Presidio. For example, in the Park Presidio area, the soil is sandier than the soil which exists near Inspiration Point. She felt rather confident about suggesting bulb planting of tulips, daffodils crocus and hyacinth, now, for their eventual appearance in the spring. "The bulbs are now available, she said, and all you have to do is put them six to eight inches deep in the ground and then do nothing but loosen the soil occasionally. They will do the rest on their own!"

She also suggested planting ice plant on the side of a hill to hold back erosion of the soil, or to fill areas near the building.

Neeley also pointed out that many schools and universities in the area are willling to identify weeds if you bring them in. After identifying them for you, they will also tell you the best method of getting rid of them. She also said, "There are sod farms in the area that would be willing to advise you on what type of sod to plant on your lawn if you provided them with a soil sample."

Neeley herself is willing to help you make your area more pleasing also. "Now, I'm not willing to show you how to cut your grass," she laughed, "but I am more than willing to come to the quarters and give suggestions and show you some processes to make your area improve immensely.

If you want to make your quarters more presentable, call Mrs. Peggy Neeley at 561-5939.

Cut it right for fuller growth

The proper way to cut back a plant is shown here by Mrs. Peggy Neeley a Presidio resident. The wife of MSgt. Ray Neeley says that yard care takes more than just mowing the

(Photo by Tom Donaghy)

Know your plants and the soil

Mrs. Peggy Neeley poses in her garden which surrounds her Portola Ave. home. Neeley is available to offer gardening advice to any Presidio resident who desires to make their lawn more attractive. The secret to good gardening, says Neeley, is to know which plants grow in the different soils around post and the how to care for those plants. (Photo by Tom Donaghy)

HUDdle before you buy land

You read a newspaper ad for a land deal that's so fantastic you can't believe it's true—"One-quarter acre lots, swimming pool, golf course and clubhouse, for just $2,000. And if you come out today, you'll get a free tank of gas and a free clock-radio."

Sometimes if the deal sounds too good to be true, it's also too good to be legitimate.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) warns consumers to get the facts on land before they buy. And, knowing your rights under the law is the first step.

Whether you're contacted by mail, by phone, or notice an ad in the newspaper, never buy a lot sight unseen. Ask the developer if the company is registered with HUD or is entitled to an exemption. Registration means that according to law the company must file a statement of record with HUD and give all prospective customers a copy of the property report.

HUD does not inspect lots, nor do they prepare the property report or check the facts in the report. If any statement in the property report turns out to be false or if an important thing is left out, you have the right to cancel your contract and sue for damages in court.

Once you find a development you're interested in, check the facts. Get the property report and read it. Ask questions. How large will the development be? What zoning controls are specified in the contract? Are there extra charges for using the amenities like the swimming pool or fishing lake? What about utilities and water? What are the plans for sewage disposal? Will you get clear title to the property? Will you be able to build a house on your lot?

Avoid high-pressure sales tactics or you may find yourself making payments on a lot you're not completely satisfied with.

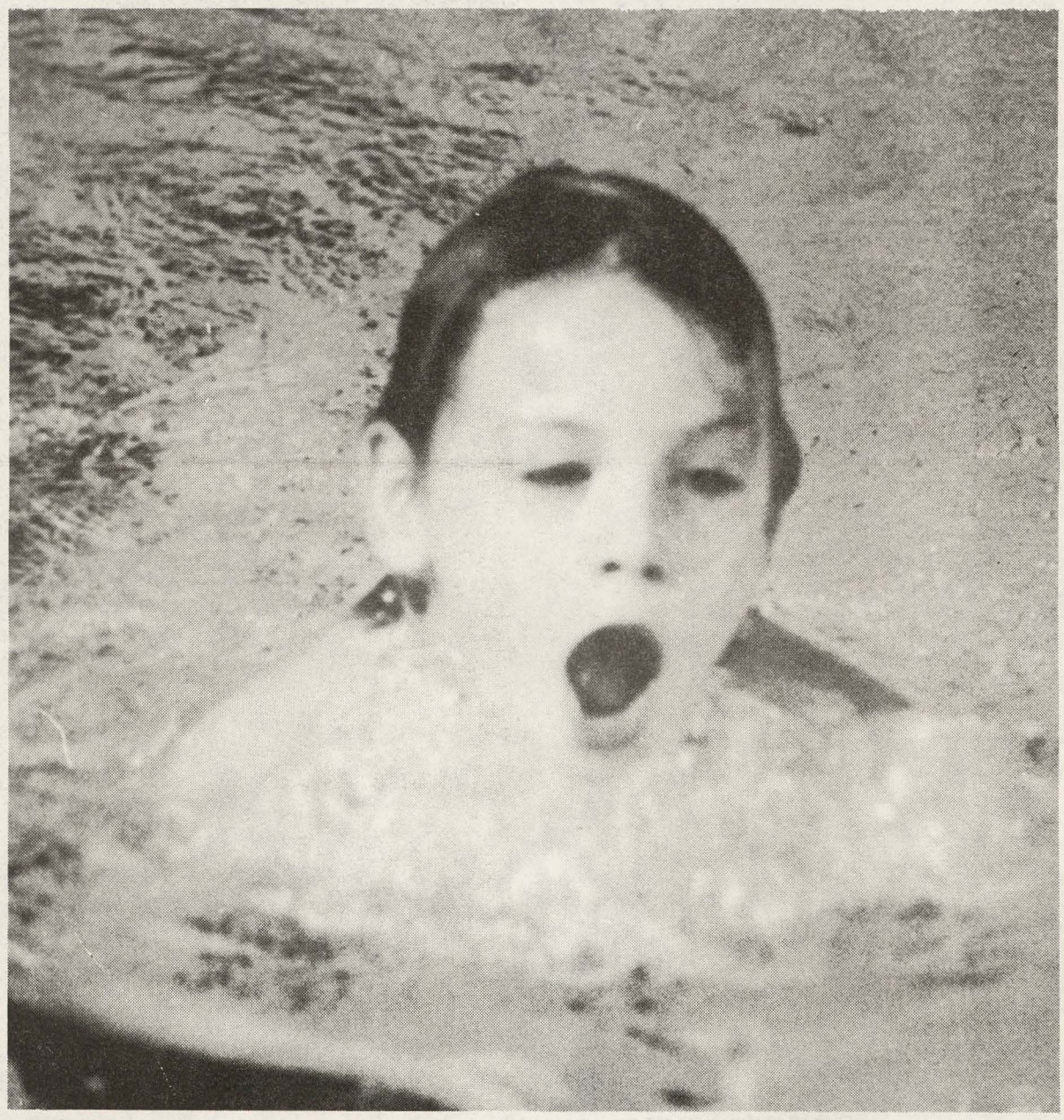
Be skeptical about overly optimistic estimates on the future resale value of the land.

Watch out for the "bait and switch" game where lots are advertised at extremely low prices, then you're told the cheap lots are all sold but some "excellent sites are still available at a higher price."

For more information, send for the HUD booklet, **Buying Lots from Developers.** For a copy, send $1.00 to the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

Eight year old swims 80 laps to help others

Wendy Siefert, an eight year old member of the Aquarius Swim Team, comes up for breath while swimming laps at the Presidio swimming pool. The youngster swam 80 laps, or 10 laps for every year, in the team's recent effort to raise funds for the Combined Federal Campaign. The group of 28 swimmers completed 35 miles of laps to collect $248 to help the post's CFC efforts.



Don't be fooled

Criminals visit the Presidio too

Those of us who live on the Presidio have the best of two worlds.

We have at our fingertips the charming city of San Francisco which speaks for itself. We also have the scenic beauty of Presidio which offers its residents the availability of urban living without the drudgery of having to commute outrageous distances, which is the price so many suburbanites pay to maintain the same type of situation.

The above scene creates a special crime prevention problem in that many residents of Presidio completely forget that they are living in a large urban center, which dictates a more serious approach to protecting family members and possessions, than would be the case when living in a small suburban community.

The Presidio is an open post, which means anybody can walk or drive on the Presidio during the night or day, as many times as they desire, and take advantage of what Presidio has to offer.

Urban life means large numbers of people will live in a small area. Unfortunately whenever you have a large group of people you increase the opportunities for people who are anti-social to base their livelihood on ordinary working citizens, who don't take proper precautions in protecting their possessions.

Thieves act out their roles like any other predator, and they prey on the unsuspecting and the careless.

The Presidio gives residents the impression they are living in the countryside and some residents are not protecting themselves by securing their houses. Housebreakings have occurred on the Presidio while occupants have been inside their quarters. The predators have simply walked through open unlocked doors and stolen whatever they can get their hands on.

In summary, if you had lived in a house downtown, you would not have left your doors open and unlocked all the time for anybody to walk in.

Since Presidio is open to the general public and is part of a large urban center, residents should become security minded and protect themselves from predators by taking precautions.

Don't let the beauty of Presidio give you a false sense of security. Call 561-5011 the Provost Marshal's Crime Prevention Section, if you desire assistance on how to protect your family and possessions.

Presidio News Notes

Presidian deadline

Since the Star Presidian will be distributed on Wednesday next week, all copy must be submitted by noon on Monday. For more information call the Star Presidian office at 561-3908.

Post to count pets

The Presidio will be conducting its first pet census in eight years beginning this weekend according to Dr. (Maj) Larry Konermann, veterinary public health officer for Letterman Army Medical Center.

The census will be conducted on a door-to-door basis by the Boy Scouts of Troop 77. All family housing quarters will be surveyed during the census which is expected to run for at least two weeks. This will ensure that all occupants of the Presidio and Forts Baker Barry and Mason will be contacted.

The census is being conducted to develop data on pet care capacity requirements at the Presidio as well as to provide information to project the possibilities of diseases potentially carried by animal's at the installation. All types of pets will be covered in the survey, including goldfish, cats, dogs, iguanas, birds and snakes.

Konermann has indicated that this will be a one time survey of current residents. In the future, new occupants will be issued on animal registration card upon checking in to family housing quarters. This will permit the installation to keep a running pet population census.

Pooles to perform

The post Morale Support Activities will present "An Evening of Disco-Rock-Revue-Dance" with Gary and Gloria Poole, United States National Disco Champions, at the Presidio Playhouse on November 30 and December 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the revue go on sale Monday, Nov. 26, at the Playhouse Box Office for $3.00 each, from 1-5 P. M., and 30 minutes before performances, and bar service will be available.

For further information call 561-3992.

A little off the top

Muriel Paule combs Pamela Ciochetti's hair during a scene from "Veronica's Room" which concludes this weekend at the Presidio Playhouse.

Final performances will be tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office daily, except Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. and 30 minutes before each performance.

The play is recommended for adult audiences. (Photo by Janet and Andrej Novak)

Brass sale coming

The Presidio Officer's Wives' Club will sponsor a gold, bronze and brassware sale Nov. 25 and 26 in the Presidio Officers' Club from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this sale to do some early Christmas shopping.

Nimbus returns

NIMBUS will be back on Saturday for another great Rock session from 8:30 p.m. to midnite.

Theater goers, discounts are available to military personnel and their dependents for the live performance of "The Great McDaddy" at the Western Addition Cultural Center, 726 Fulton St., on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Present your ID card at the box office, and get $5 tickets for a reduced price of $3.50. This show runs through Dec. 15.

Tickets for the San Francisco Pioneers, are available at the Rec Center at the price of two for one.

The opening home game of the season will be played at the SF Civic Auditorium on Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 and $5 for courtside and dress circle seats. All post personnel, military, dependents, civilian, retirees and reservists may purchase these tickets.

For additional information please contact the Recreation Center daily after 4 p.m., at 561-2000/5420.

Services announced

The annual Presidio Thanksgiving service will be conducted from 7-8 p.m. Nov. 21 in the post chapel.

The service which will be oriented toward the young soldier, will be conducted by soldiers of all faiths.

Music for the service will be presented by an ensemble from the Sixth Army Band and the post chapel choir.

Dr. Mark Lee, President of Simpson College in San Francisco will be the guest speaker for the service. Lee holds a doctorate degree in Rhetoric and public speaking from the University of Washington.

The offering from this service will be designated to help in the resettlement of South-East Asian boat people in the San Francisco area.

The entire Presidio community is invited to attend.

Two condos for rent

The Outdoor Recreation Center now has two condominiums for rent. Located in Alpine Meadows where the ski action will soon be starting, the condo sleep 8-10 persons and are furnished with all the necessities.

Plenty of skis and boots are available for all types of skiers.

Dependents are reminded that only the sponsor may checkout equipment except when he is not in the area and has sent a letter to the Outdoor Recreation requesting their dependents be allowed to use the equipment.

College orientation set

Mr. John Watson and Mr. Jon Torp, representatives for Pepperdine University, will be on post, Nov. 28 to discuss the Master of Arts degree program in Human Resources Management offered at Treasure Island Naval Support activity.

If you presently manage people or administrate a program, or plan to do so in the future, then this program may be for you.

The program is open only to eligible active duty military personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. All interested persons are invited to attend this orientation to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the CPO training center, in building 37.

For further information contact Judy Lewis, Pepperdine University Coordinator at 391-3236.

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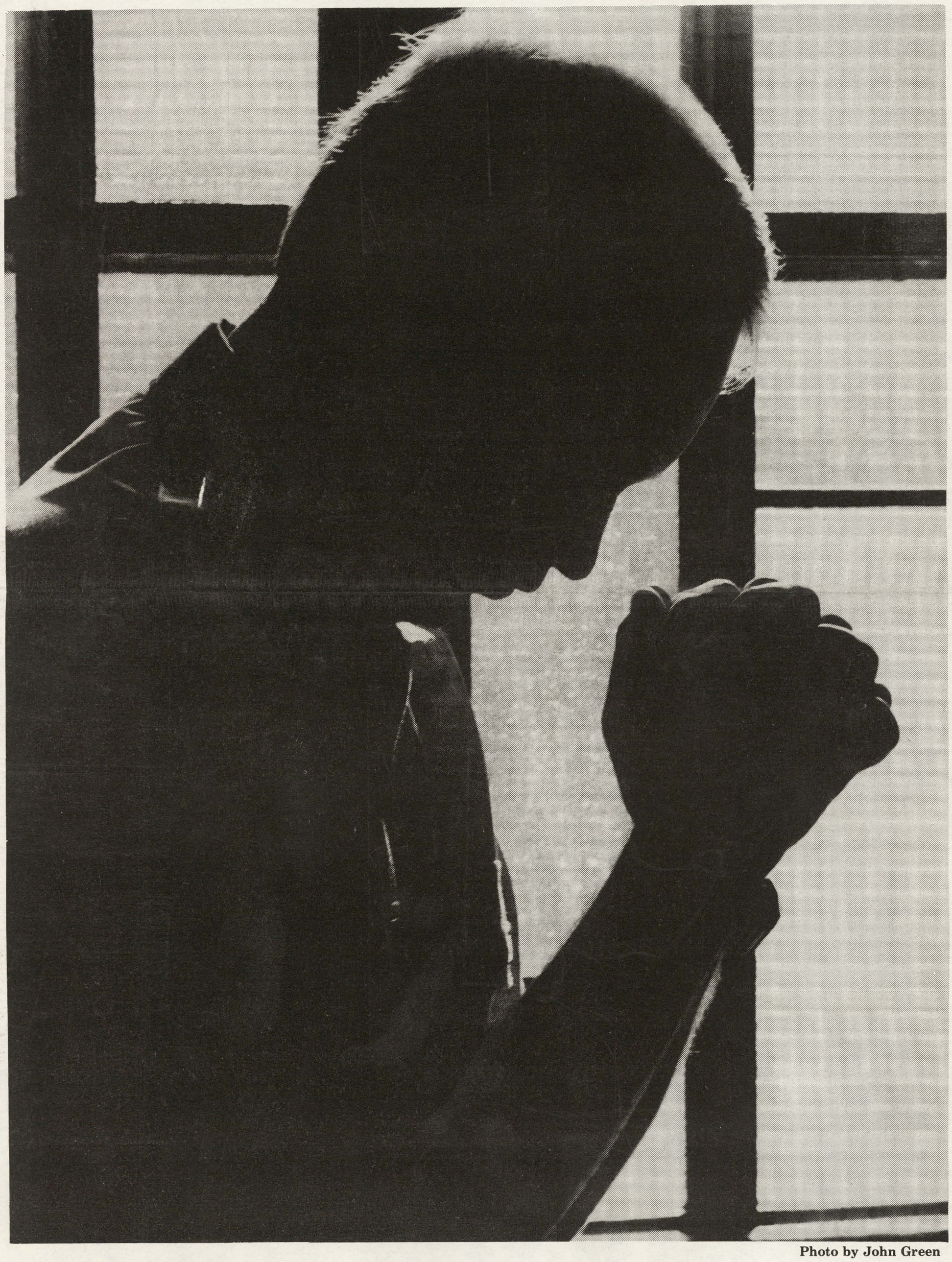


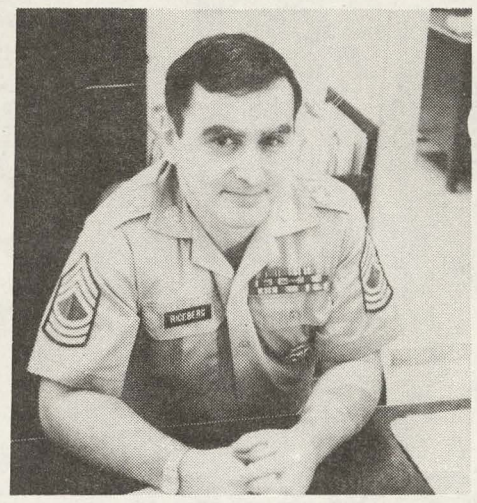
Photo by John Green

Happy Thanksgiving

Ramblin' Sam

What do we Americans have to be thankful for?

Mr. Bessey Herd, USACC AGency—"Americans can be thankful for their leaders at every level, and their wisdom to deal with changing conditions and the ability to move forward with faith and courage."



MSG Lawrence Riceberg, 6th Army IG—"Democracy. We live in a free country."

MSG Robert Baiocco, Headquarters' Commandant—"We can be thankful for a land of bountiful resources, and the individual freedom to exploit them. We have many liberties."

Mrs. Patricia McDonald, IG Office—"Our freedom, our way of life as far as modern conveniences are concerned. Our freedom is the biggest, especially since we don't have a government like Iran."

Ed Monoit, Post Fire Dept—"Peace. We're not at war now. I've got a good job and wife. I'm thankful that I'm doing what I want."

Command Time

Happy Thanksgiving

Let's take a moment this Thanksgiving Day to search our lives for those blessings which we have been given. Often it is those things we take for granted that are our most cherished blessings, such as good health, a decent living, our family, freedom, and friendship.

We here at the Presidio can also be thankful for the beauty of the post and the area in which we live. We can also be grateful that we are a nation at peace and that we have the strength to protect our peace with liberty.

As we pause this Thanksgiving Day, my family joins me in wishing each of you and yours many continued blessings and a happy holiday.

Let's be thankful all year long

By Chaplain Walter K. Sauer

Although Thanksgiving only comes once a year, its spirit of thankfulness should be a part of our daily lives.

If we were to stop and make a list of all the things for which we are thankful, it would take some time. In fact, we would probably never complete the list because we would be adding to it every day. The same would be true if we made a list of the things for which we are not thankful.

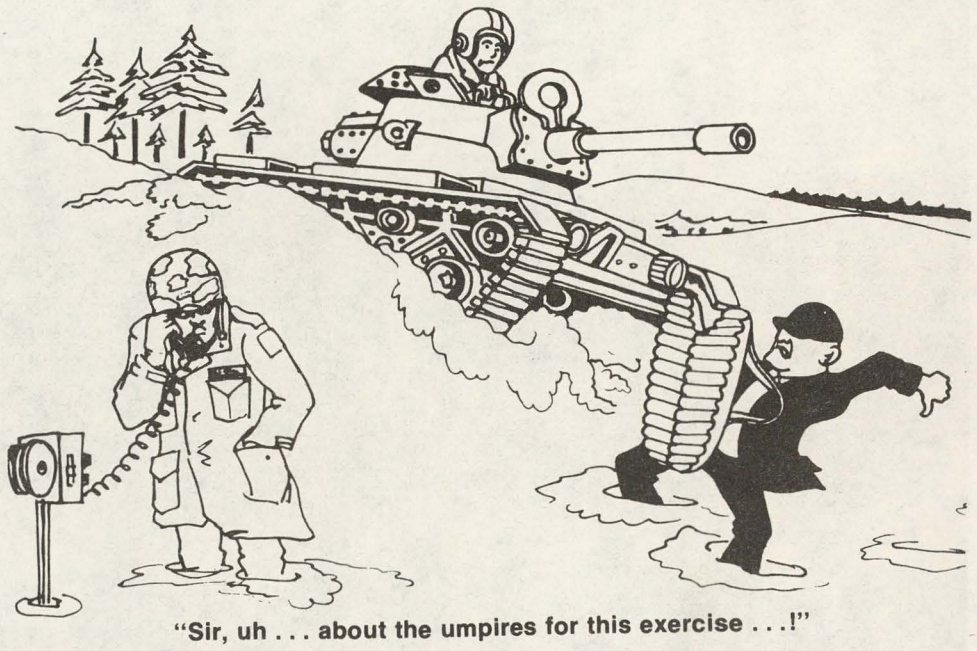
The things that we would put on the first list would be events which we consider good, which make us happy, and which fit into our plans. The second list would contain those things which we would consider bad, which make us unhappy, which do not fit into or break up our plans.

Those who follow the teachings of the Bible need to reconsider some of the events which were thought to be evil at first. In this re-evaluation we would find some of these so-called-evil things often brought good results. Thus, we could experience blessings from something that initially appears to be bad.

An example of how bad things often have good results is a story of Jay Hebert, a golfer, who was playaing in one of his first trounaments. He was in first place going into the last three holes. Then he hit a bad tee shot that landed way out in the rough in a bush. Should he give thanks for this?

Herbert's first impression was to become very angry, but he didn't. This experience was a real test. Had he become angry, he would undoubtedly have lost his composure as well as the match. But through his calmness, he was able to get the ball in good position with only on stroke and continued on to win the match. This spirit of thankfulness, according to his own testimony, paid off.

Let's try to find something to be thankfull for everyday of our lives.



"Sir, uh . . . about the umpires for this exercise . . .!"

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Forrester says farewell

In his final message to the men and women of Sixth Army and the Presidio, Lt. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester expressed his thanks for "your continuing professional support of the Headquarters, Sixth United States Army and the crucial mission it performs for this country. . . "

Forrester who has been commander of Sixth Army for the past 15 months will depart soon to take command of the First Corps Republic of Korea/United States Group in Korea.

The Sixth Army commander praised those in his command and at the Presidio saying, "I have been truly impressed by your unselfish service, your devotion to duty and your dedication to the Army and the principles of freedom it upholds."

Saying he received the news of his new assignment with mixed emotions. Forrester continued, "While I was both awed and gratified to have been chosen to perform such an important mission, I also felt a certain degree of melancholy that I must now give up such fine professional associations and good friends as I have found as Commander of the Sixth United States Army and as a tenant commander on the Presidio."

Forrester concluded saying, "Finally, since I won't have another chance to communicate with you, I wish good health, prosperity and all good things during the upcoming holiday season for you and your families, who also enjoy my gratitude for their support."

At press time, no successor had been named to replace Forrester. Maj. Gen. Charles R. Sniffin, will assume command of Sixth Army until the new commander arrives.

Involuntary recruiting set for some soldiers

Some Presidio soldiers may find themselves becoming recruiters according to Capt. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

According to a DA news release about **1,000 soldier's Army-wide will be selected for involuntary assignment as recruiters by the end of March, 1980.**

Army leaders are concerned about the declining pool of military eligibles, as well as the reduced number of high school graduates in the upper mental groups who are choosing to serve in the Army.

USAREC and, in particular, the field recruiters over the past three years have faced demanding challenges for enlisting the right people, in the right numbers to fill urgent Army needs. A more difficult recruiting environment has resulted in a few recruiters using irregular methods to help people qualify for Army service. Officials say 242 Army recruiters, or about five percent of the total recruiting force of 5,000 have been relieved of recruiting duty for irregular recruiting practices.

The additional soldiers are needed to help the Army meet its FY 80 recruiting goals, according to the release. DA officials are quoted as saying that recruiting to "man the force" will receive much more emphasis at all Army levels.

"We've requested an increase in recruiter aides, and requested major command involvement in the recruiting effort by providing more demonstration and skill teams," commented one official. "We're also working to get more support from community leaders in telling the Army story and what the Army has to offer young men and women."

Last fiscal year, when more recruiters were required than were volunteering for recruiting duty, a test of involuntary assignments to recruiting duty for about 500 NCO's was conducted. Most soldiers selected during the test were taken from CONSUS posts. Selection of non-volunteers from overseas commands was limited by deros during the test.

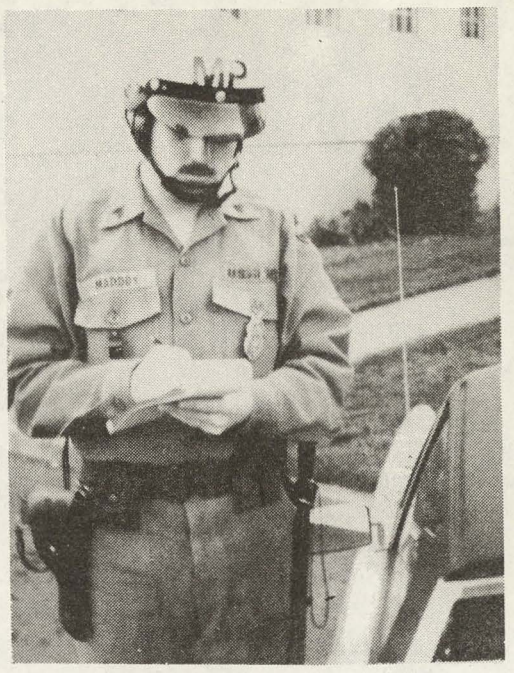
Officials stress the number of additional recruiters needed cannot be obtained without expanding the involuntary selection process to overseas commands. Accordingly, DA is allowing curtailments of foreign service tours in some cases.

DA also announced some guidelines by which soldiers will be assigned to USAREC:

- Whenever possible, soldiers will be assigned to USAREC upon completion of their foreign service tour.
- Some soldiers serving in long tour areas may be curtailed up to one year.
- DA will try to avoid curtailments in short tour areas.
- Space imbalanced MOS (SIMOS) personnel will not be curtailed for recruiting assignments.
- **The following MOS have a great impact on readiness and will be left out of the selection process: O5H, 11H, 13F, 16R, 27F,31E, 31S, 35M, 45K, 97B, and 98C.** Officials say this list is not complete and will be revised and changed as necessary.
- Because of the large numbers required over a short period of time, some soldiers will be required to move on short notice, the officials commented. Soldiers selected for recruiting duty will be given priority in meeting short notice reassignments and DA will provide as much lead time as possible.

Bountiful thanksgiving basket

Mrs. Pris Davis, Cindy Bacus, Brenda Finch, and Chaplain (Maj.) Harold Mills, load canned goods and other items collected this weekend by the post Protestant Women of the Chapel.
The items were collected and passed onto the Army Community Services where they will be passed along to needy families on the Presidio. The famlies selected to receive the gifts were carefully screened by ACS personnel to insure they are in honest need of the contribution. (Photo by Don Tery)



Gotcha

Sgt. Bill Maddox writes a ticket.

No permit? tickets could cost more

Violators of the recently imposed parking fee regulations will be subject to possible loss of installation driving privileges if they persist in ignoring the rules, according to Capt. Jim Carey, operations officer for the Presidio provost marshal's office.

"A first offense for parking in a reserved area without a permit will result in the issuance of a Department of Defense Form 1408 ticket. One copy of the form will be kept on file by the MPs with another sent to the commander or activity director of the individual concerned," continued Carey.

He added that "a second offense within 30 days will mean another ticket and a letter to the individual from the Provost Marshal through the commander or the activity director. The letter will actually be a warning that a third offense within a 30 day period may result in the suspension of driving privileges on the installation. Six violations within a six month period also may lead to suspension of driving on post.

This procedure applies to both military and civilian personnel at the Presidio. Off post personnel will receive the DD 1408 and the letters will be sent directly since there would be no "chain of command" possibilities.

Military police will also be enforcing parking rules for the so-called timed zones, or those areas with specific time limits. Violators of these regulations will be cited with another form of ticketing, subject to a fine of $5.00 and/or an appearance before the federal magistrate.

Additionally, Maj. William Vencill, headquarters commandant and administrator of the parking program, has announced that stickers sold for the month of November will be valid through Dec. 5. Also, permits for the month of December will be on sale starting Nov. 30 to allow time to buy a permit after the end-of-the-month payday.

Soldier assaulted

A female soldier assigned to Headquarters Company, USAG, was allegedly sexually assaulted in her barracks during the early hours of Saturday morning.

The assault allegedly took place about 1 a.m., after the assailant apparently gained entry to the building through a door which had been left open by a person or persons unknown. It is also believed that the victim knew her attacker.

The alleged attacker was apprehended several hours later by security personnel at San Francisco International Airport after an all-points bulletin was issued by the Presidio military police.

A happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Victor Batesting, of the LAMC dining facility carves the turkey as early diners at last year's Thanksgiving meal, enjoy the feast.

Guess who's coming to dinner? Or how to feed thousands

By Tom Tiernan

What would you do if you had 1,400 people coming for Thanksgiving dinnner? Most of us would be in sheer panic, but not the cooks at the Letterman Army Medical Center.

According to Col. James E. Johnson, chief of food service at the hospital, more than 95 employees of the food service dining facility have been busy since last Thursday making preparation for the holiday meal.

More than 1,000 pounds of turkey, 300 cornish game hens, and thousands of pounds of vegetables, salads, and several dozen pies and cakes must be prepared for the big feast which features over 40 different items.

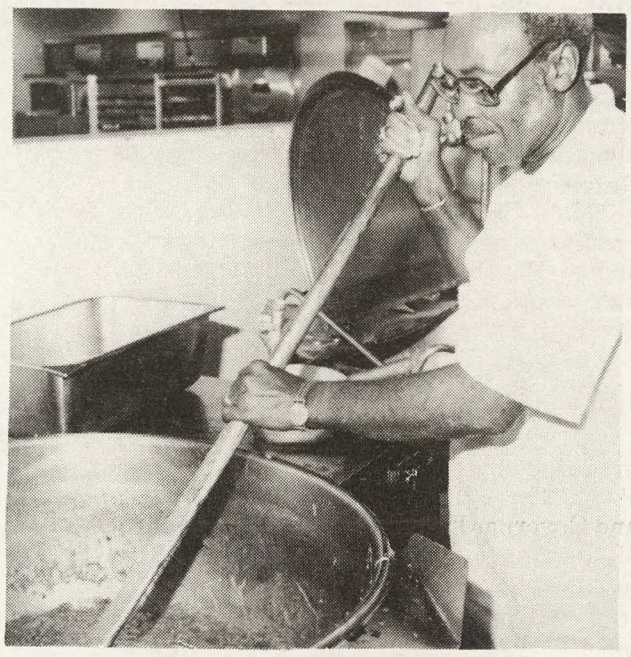
"There are many challenges to preparing such a meal," states Johnson. "Timing and preparation are important. Knowing what can be done in advance and what must be done on Thanksgiving Day."

Knowing how much food to prepare can be a real challenge if too much or too little is put out on the serving line. "We make an educated guess at how many people will come to the facility to eat," explained Johnson. "We serve continually from 11:30 a.m. til 6:00 p.m."

The dining facility employees are challenged to keep the food looking tasteful and fresh while maintaining enough on the serving line so that the last person in the door has the same selection as the first person served.

Actually preparations for the meal began a month ago when the menu was planned and the food ordered, explains Johnson. "We wanted to make sure that we had enough food for all those who come to the facility for our meal."

So, this Thanksgiving many post cooks can be thankful they didn't have to feed 1,400 people.



A whole lot of cookin'

Mr. Willie Payton stirs a large caldron of vegetables in preparation for the LAMC thanksgiving day meal.

Dessert anyone?

Mr. Heard Marshall dishes out a wide selection of Thanksgiving desserts.

Photos by Bill Malkiel

Army's 'star' supporter visits

The name of Mrs. Roy T. Thorsen probably doesn't mean much to many people. But the name Margaret O'Brien certainly does.

Who is this Mrs. Thorsen and what does she have in common with Margaret O'Brian? They are the same person.

Actress Margaret O'Brien Thorsen visited the Presidio Monday as part of an orientation for newly appointed Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army.

O'Brien's appointment as a civilian aide continues her active role in support of the Armed Forces of this country.

During World War II she was active in selling Defense Bonds, appearing in government films in support of the war effort. She was President Franklin Roosevelt's personal emissary for the March of Dimes and his choice to recite his "Prayer for Peace" throughout the country.

During the war years, when she was just a child, she was a popular "Pin-up Girl" for servicemen, typifying the children of the world for whom they were fighting. Her popularity with the Armed Forces was further emphasized when she was selected by Gen. George C. Marshall from among the reigning glamour stars of Hollywood to be his dinner companion at a banquet following a meeting of Pacific Area commanders.

As a child, O'Brien was one of the most popular stars of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. She appeared in such films as 'Journey for Margret', 'Canterville Ghost,' 'Our Vines Have Tender Grapes', 'Little Women,' and 'Meet Me in St. Louis' for which she received a special academy award. In 1946, at the age of eight, the earnings of her films placed her in the top ten of the motion picture industry.

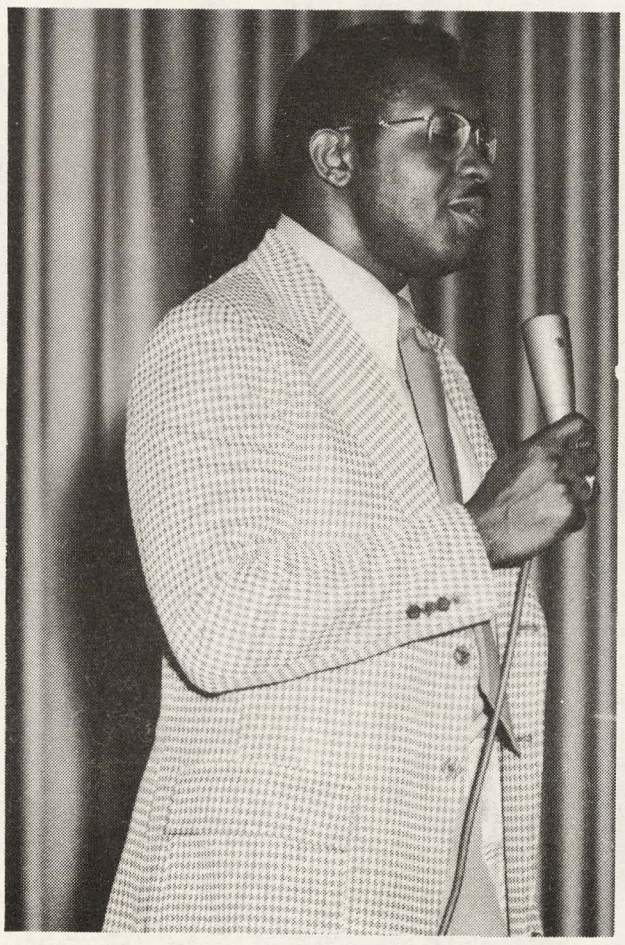
Although she began her film acting career at age 3, O'Brien has also performed on radio, television and the stage.

In 1974 she married Roy T. Thorsen, a 1955 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Through his activities as Past President and Governor Emeritus of the West Point Society of Los Angeles and as a Director and Executive Committee member of the Association of the U. S. Army, O'Brien has served on various committees relating to the Army.

Since the birth of her daughter, Mara, in 1976, O'Brien has limited her acting career to occasional appearance on television and stage, permitting her to devote a greater amount of time to family and community activities.

Star in his hand

Actress Margaret O'Brien is finger printed by Russell Stiefel as part of her orientation as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. O'Brien who visited the post on Monday is a long time supporter of the U. S. Armed Forces. (Photo by Don Terry)



Singing Major

Maj. Wallace Brown of the LAMC Equal Opportunity Office, puts a lot of emotion into a song during a recent performance.

Brown

Working to overcome a bad break

by Ted Elisee

"To be truthful, I have been an Equal Opportunity Officer all my career," said Major Wallace J. Brown, Equal Opportunity Officer for LAMC.

"I believe that every officer who is in a command or directorate position must especially be sure that their heart reflects a feeling that will provide an equal chance for everyone," he added.

Brown has had a controversial career. For many years, he has tried to rectify what he considers—a bad break for himself in the Army.

When asked about his bad break, Brown is firm but sincere. "I believe that my slow career progression in the Army has been the result of inequities in the system. Perhaps if people were more aware of the problems existing in the OER and personnel systems, then less soldiers would have progression problems. My particular problem stems from people who didn't want to get involved and was partly racial, too."

Complaints come across Brown's desk all the time. I try to handle each case individually," he said. "Becoming a number is what we have to try to do away with in all phases of dealing with peoples' lives," he added.

Brown, who hails from Columbus Ga. and has a degree from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, is a singer and a performer in his spare time. During his tour with Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he took on the herculean feat of running for the title of Ms. WRAMC. Each of the contestants performed and spoke of the need for donations to CFC.

Because of his hard work Brown raised over eleven thousand dollars for the campaign and actually placed first for the competition, but the title was given to a woman who placed second.

He has appeared on the stage and on the run at many charitable functions. Recently he performed at the Junior Chamber of commerce Senior Citizen Day held here on the Presidio and also at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

When asked what he would like to do in the future, Brown replied, "Oh, many things. Perhaps I would like to become Chief of Personnel to make the 'Equal opportunity for all concept a reality,' particularly in the vein of promotions and records organization. Also, I would like to become the EO Officer for Health Services command. When I retire, I would still like to work in the field of Equal Opportunity in Civil Service or civilian industry.

You're being ripped-off

By Tom Donaghy

"People are stealing themselves blind," is how Soundra Bourne, Presidio exchange manager described the shoplifting and bad check situation in post PX outlets.

Last year the exchanges lost $43,913 worth of merchandise through bad checks alone, not counting shoplifting and employee pilfering.

That amounts to over $120 a day.

The loss of the money isn't just hurting the exchanges themselves, states Bourne. Since a percentage of all the exchange profits goes to the post morale support fund, these rip offs hurt the contributions to the fund which helps post soldiers.

"Last month we had to write off $7,000," Bourne said. "It has to be accounted for somewhere."

Who accounts for that money? Bourne said that exchange prices are increased and social dividends are decreased. That means customers at the Presidio are paying the price for back check writers and shoplifters.

Rip-offs continue despite the three security men who work at the exchanges. There is even a computer system used to stop checks before they can be passed, but nothing is fail-safe.

According to Bourne, eight to ten people a month are caught in the act of the five-finger-discount.

There is an old saying that goes: "A rip deserves a bust, or shoplifters will be prosecuted."

For those who are caught, the penalties are severe. Six months revocation of exchange priviledges is mandatory. Military personnel are also subject to confinement, reduction in grade, forfeiture of pay and allowances, and a bad conduct discharge.

Those civilians who are caught are subject to prosecution in civil courts.

Shoplifting and bad check writing are costly to not only those who are caught in the act, but also by those who use the facility.

The five-finger discount

Five finger discounts such as these cost Presidio PX customers big bucks each month. (Photo by Tom Donaghy)

Organizational Effectiveness

Class can change your imagine

By Ted Elisee

If you've ever wondered how people perceive you as an individual or as a leader, then the Leadership Management Development Course may be for you.

Imagine walkng into a room and not knowing any of the people in there, and then, leaving the room five days later feeling you've known those people most of your life.

All of this can be experienced, simply by sharing in the group dynamics and communications techniques presented to the group by members of an Organizational Effectiveness Team.

The course is one that cannot really be discussed before an individual attends it. So much happens in such a short period of time, that many people leave a changed person.

The knowledge that is gained in the course is designed to your image and behavior.

The course is not taught by lecture, but is strictly learned by sharing and observing.

According to Capt. Eileen Welsh, Organizational Effectiveness Officer, "This course was established to make individuals realize their full potential as supervisors and as workers in a team effort. The course, by sharing ideas with others, will do just that."

Other skills that are taught to course attendees are listening and communications skills. "The art of communicating is especially necessary in making a good supervisor and worker," said Welsh.

The goals of the Leadership Management Development Course is to develop an understanding of the necessity of working as a team. Also, various management and leadership techniques are discussed and proposed for use. However, communications skills is the main thrust during the entire week.

If you are interested in the course, why not let your supervisor know, or call Welsh at 561-6084.

Proud pumpkin is very American

"As American as pumpkin pie!" Try that on your tongue if you have a taste for historical accuracy.

Without taking anything from the honest apple, the proud pumpkin is the one that belongs between the crusts of ultimate Americanism.

The pumpkin was here first, a native American waiting to feed the Pilgrims when they first set foot to rock in 1620, according to the National Geographic Society.

The apple, a European immigrant, didn't start tantalizing the New World until well after Governor John Endecott dropped the first apple seed into the good ground of Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1629.

The 1979 pumpkin pie period of the calendar is with us. As proof of its popularity, last year the military purchased 473,411 pounds of pumpkin pie filling for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year at a cost of $82,276.96.

The Pilgrims learned to eat pumpkins from the Indians who grew them amid their maize, thus creating a scene of golden corn stalks and pumpkins still a classic of autumn calendar art.

At first pumpkins may have been an odd fare to the Pilgrims, who also preferred eels to lobster. Nevertheless, by 1654 one thankful colonist was to write:

"Let no man make a jest at Pumpkins, for with this fruit the Lord was pleased to feed his people to their good content, till Corne and Cattell were increased."

For that first Thanksgiving, pumpkins reportedly were baked in a bag and flavored with maple syrup (but without further recipe details). However, in 50 years, by 1671, a new cookbook was referring to an "ancient New England standing dish of pompion sause."

"Pompion" about three languages later is from a Greek word for pumpkin or squash, meaning baked or ripened in the sun.

Nobody knows when the first one was baked, but "pompion pye" apparently was an early colonial invention, suspected of the goodness now identified by nutritionists. Pumpkins have varying amounts of vitamins A, B (thiamine, niacin, riboflavin), and C, iron, calcium, phosphorous, sodium, and potassium.

A consensus of weight-conscious pie lovers rates a wedge of pumpkin pie at about "300 plus" calories.

Pitfalls lurking for skaters

Following fast on the skateboard fad is a resurgence in popularity of roller skating.

And, following fast on the resurgence in popularity of roller skating is a dramatic increase in the number of roller skating injuries, reports the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

In 1978, an estimated 93,000 persons were treated in hospital emergency rooms for roller skating injuries. In the first seven months of 1979 alone, 74,000 people were treated. These figures contrast with less than 55,000 annual injuries only five years ago.

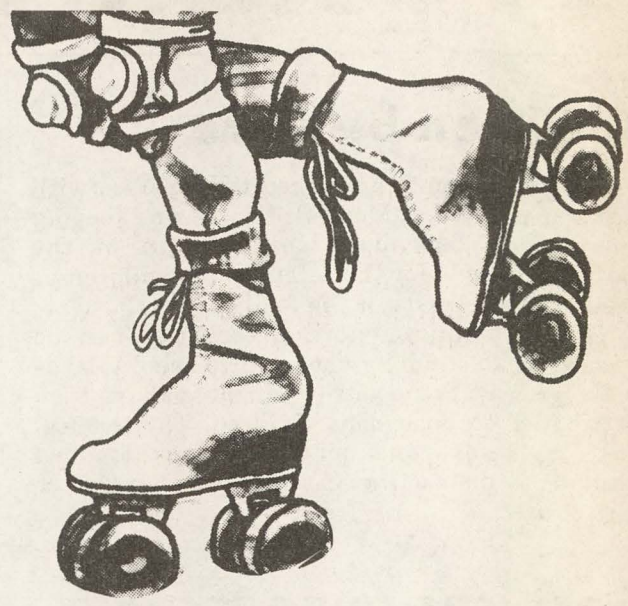
Roller skaters are not just children and teenagers. Nearly a quarter of those injured during the first seven months of 1979 were 25 years of age or older. Twice as many females are injured as males, a reversal of the skateboarding pattern.

More than a third of all injuries associated with roller skating are fractures, and more than a third of the injuries are to the wrists. Next most common are injuries to knees and elbows.

The CPSC suggests that roller skaters check the skating surface carefully before and while skating. Avoid uneven or broken cement and rocks.

Padded protective equipment, such as skateboarders wear on knees and elbows, may help reduce the number and severity of injuries. Other protective equipment is also available.

Skaters should learn how to fall in case of an accident. Try to roll onto fleshy parts of the body such as the buttocks, upper legs and shoulders rather than landing on more fragile areas. Also, try to relax rather than stiffen.



Post work to help handicapped

By Tom Donaghy

Efforts to make the Presidio facilities more accessable to people, and to attract more persons with severe handicaps to join the post work force are underway.

According to Mrs. Judy Kupens, personnel staffing specialist for the Civilian Personnel Office, the new policy requires that three percent of all new employees be "severely handicapped," and four percent be disabled veterans.

Out of 3,300 persons currently working on the Presidio, only 28 are severely handicapped. This means that less than one percent of the current work force is handicapped severely.

Kupens said that there are numerous difficulties in finding employable handicapped persons. "Basically, what we're going to have to do is advertise to hire more handicaps, which will not be easy."

"Part of the problem," states Kupens, "exists in the strict guidelines that determine what is a severely handicapped person. "For example, if a person is missing a hand they would not be eligible under the new guidelines, but if a person missing the entire limb, he would be eligible."

Kupens said that those specifications are in the policy because, "There are people with handicaps who are not handicapped at their jobs and should compete on the open job market."

The Directorate of Facilities Engineering is doing its part to help handicapped persons by removing architectural barriers to many post facilities.

According to Roger Brown, chief of engineering resources, his staff is doing everything possible to accomodate the handicapped individual.

Brown said regulations do not require all existing buildings to be modified. But those buildings can be used frequently by handicapped persons can be changed.

Various projects have already been implemented, such as ramps at many post curbs, the PX, the commissary, CPO, and the cafeteria. There is even an elevator in building 35.

Larry Landon, chief of master planning said, "Most of the building we're going to build will be designed to make it easy for handicapped people to get around."

Through these united efforts, Presidio may soon be able to offer handicapped persons a working environment designed to help meet their needs.

Junkie

Are you one?

The term "junkie" doesn't usually bring to mind someone taking a legally prescribed medication, but abuse of prescription medication is a serious problem.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says this kind of drug abuse affects more women than men. Approximately one to two million women from all walks of life—housewives, business executives, city and country dwellers—have become addicted to the so-called "minor tranquilizers."

These tranquilizers, such as Valium, Librium and Miltown, are prescribed for relieving minor tensions and in treating alcoholism, epilepsy and painful muscle spasms. But overuse can lead to dependency, and when taken in combination with other drugs—especially alcohol—the result can be deadly.

Withdrawal symptoms are similar to those from barbiturates, including delirium, trembling, psychosis, and exaggeration of reflexes. Because of this danger, the Drug Enforcement Administration now restricts prescriptions for Valium, Librium, and Miltown to quantities lasting six months, with only five refills.

Why do more women than men use minor tranquilizers? One popular explanation is that women go to the doctor more often, are more open about discussing their feelings and frustrations and report symptoms of physical and emotional discomfort more often than men.

Physicians often prescribe these drugs for stresses that could be considered a part of normal living, according to some psychiatrists. Also, drug companies have been accused by critics of encouraging over-prescription through advertisements directed at physicians. Medical experts acknowledge more research is needed, but also recommend that patients ask their doctors about the side-effects and danger of becoming dependent on tranquilizers.

For more information, write for a free copy of "Tranquilizers: Use, Abuse and Dependency" from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

Off Post

By Tom Tiernan

Thanksgiving marks the traditional beginning of the Christmas holiday season and the flurry of activities that surrounds it. Off Post will try to bring you as much information about the holiday season in San Francisco as possible, so stay tuned.

This week

Free turkey sandwiches will be served from noon until 10 p.m., at the San Francisco USo located at 242 Powell St.

The facility will be open to all military and dependents who are looking for something different to do.

An Autumn Flute Ritual featuring Eugene Cash playing traditional and folk music will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 in Building D at the Fort Mason Marina. Admission is $2.50.

Fort Mason's Jazz on a Sunday afternoon continues this week featuring the Jennifer Clevinger Quartet. The group features progressive jazz, instrumentals and scat singing. The music begins at 2 p.m. in building D on the pier.

Coming events

Brigadoon, a romantic musical by Lerner and Loewe opens Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., in McKenna Theatre on the San Francisco State University campus. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 1, 7, and 8. A special matinee will be held Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are now available at the Creative Arts Box Office located at 1600 Holloway Ave. The office is open from noon until 4 p.m.

Fort Point will be the site of the fifth annual "Fiesta de Navidad de San Francisco," a musical and fun celebration of the city's first Christmas. The fiesta will be held Dec. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Latin dancers, Christmas songs of old Mexico, bands playing music from South of the Border, and the breaking of gift laden penatas will highlight the festival.

Entertaining at the festival will be Carlos Moreno's Ballet Folklorico Mexican performing dances from the various parts of Mexico.

The Corrales Sisters will sing Christnas songs of old Mexico while Raymond Coronado's Mariachi Guadalajara will pay lively Latin music.

Opening the program will be a Latin America Parade of Nations with 24 ladies dressed in the native costumes of those countries.

Parents are ecouraged to bring their children to the fiesta which includes the "Procession of Posadas'—parade of children—and the breaking of pinatas filled with gifts and candies.

It will be a festival for the whole famly as Christmas 1979 gets underway in San Francisco.

Presidio News Notes

Children beware

Presidio parents are asked to cooperate with Letterman Army Medical Center in keeping unattended dependent children out of the hospital. This is for the safety of the children as well as the security of the facility.

Hospital equipment and facilities can be hazardous to children who want to use LAMC as a playground. Some acts of vandalism have been attributed to dependent children. The medical staff is busy, and monitoring unattended children is distracting. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Services announced

The annual Presidio Thanksgiving service will be conducted from 7-8 p.m. tonight in the post chapel.

The service which will be oriented toward the young soldier, will be conducted by soldiers of all faiths.

Music for the sevice will be presented by an ensemble from the Sixth Army Band and the post chapel choir.

Dr. Mark Lee, President of Simpson College in San Francisco will be the guest speaker for the service. Lee holds a doctorate degree in Rhetoric and public speaking from the University of Washington.

The offering from this service will be designated to help in the resettlement of South-East Asian boat people in the San Francisco area.

The entire Presidio community is invited to attend.

College orientation set

Mr. John Watson and Mr. Jon Torp, representatives for Pepperdine University, will be on post, Nov. 28 to discuss the Master of Arts degree program in Human Resources Management offered at Treasure Island Naval Support activity.

The program is open only to eligible active duty military personnel, their dependents and DOD employees. All interested persons are invited to attend this orientation to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the CPO training center, in building 37.

For further information contact Judy Lewis, Pepperdine University Coordinator at 391-3236.

American disco Champs to perform

The post Morale Support Activities will present "An Evening of Disco-Rock-Revue-Dance" with Gary and Gloria Poole, United States National Disco Champions, at the Presidio Playhouse on November 30 and December 1, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the revue go on sale Monday, Nov. 26, at the Playhouse Box Office for $3.00 each, from 1-5 P. M., and 30 minutes before performances, and bar service will be available.

For further information call 561-3992.

Brass sale set

The Presidio Officer's Wives' Club will sponsor a gold, bronze and brassware sale Nov. 25 and 26 in the Presidio Officers' Club from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this sale to do some early Christmas shopping.

Employees honored

Thirteen Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees of the Presidio were honored Nov. 9 for their individual accumulation of more than 1000 hours of sick leave.

The 13 were presented certificates of achievement by Col. F. Whitney Hall, Presidio commander, during ceremonies in the Officers' Club.

Honorees included: Harry Kahn, Elfrieda Robertson, Arthur Gonzales, Koon F. Lew, Tom K. Mah, Dow Mars, Bing Fong Wong, Stanley Yim, Vincent Chen, William Woo, Rufino Briosis, Man Ching Yee and Patrick Scaubato.

Tickets for sale

Theater goers, discounts are available to military personnel and their dependents for the live performance of "The Great McDaddy" at the Western Addition Cultural Center, 726 Fulton St., on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Present your ID card at the box office, and get $5 tickets for a reduced price of $3.50. This show runs through Dec. 15.

Tickets for the San Francisco Pioneers, are available at the Rec Center at the price of two for one.

The opening home game of the season will be played at the SF Civic Auditorium on Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 and $5 for courtside and dress circle seats. All post personnel, military, dependents, civilian, retirees and reservists may purchase these tickets.

For additional information please contact the Recreation Center daily after 4 p.m., at 561-2000/5420.

Two condos for rent

The Outdoor Recreation Center now has two condominiums for rent. Located in Alpine Meadows where the ski action will soon be starting, the condo sleep 8-10 persons and are furnished with all the necessities.

Plenty of skis and boots are available for all types of skiers.

Dependents are reminded that only the sponsor may checkout equipment except when he is not in the area and has sent a letter to the Outdoor Recreation requesting their dependents be allowed to use the equipment.

Open season extended

The Health Benefits Open Season for Presidio civilian personnel has been extended. CPO will continue to receive registration forms until Dec. 14, 1979.

Last chance to give

The Combined Federal Campaign will conclude Nov. 30. If you haven't made a contribution and would like to, contact your unit or agency keypersons. Cash or payroll deduction contributes will gladly be accepted.

Call for help

The youth basketball season will be getting underway very shortly.

The teams will be divided into two leagues. The major league will be composed of young men and women in the 13 to 16-year-old bracket. The minor league teams cover ages 9 thru 12.

Coaches are needed. Anyone who is interested in helping out as a coach should contact Jeff Flournoy at ext. 2728 or 2837.

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Briefly

New uniforms coming

Presidio soldiers will soon be able to buy a new black windbreaker adopted for optional purchase and wear.

According to a DA news release, the **new windbreaker is expected to be available in post exchanges for $20-25 in April or May 1980.**

The new windbreaker will eventually replace the men's green windbreaker now being worn, according to officials, and will be for wear by both men and women soldiers. It will be the first time women will be able to wear a windbreaker with their uniforms.

Officials say the new windbreaker will be worn the same way the green windbreaker is now. It may also be worn with the new gray-green service shirt when the shirt is worn as an outer garment.

Some soldiers are buying the Navy windbreaker for wear with the Army uniform. According to officials, the Navy windbreaker differs in material, length and shade from the new Army windbreaker and does not meet Army uniform quality control standards. **The Navy windbreaker,** officials say, **is not authorized for wear with the Army uniform.**

Soldiers will find a new camouflage fatigue uniform in their clothing issue bags in September or October 1981, according to the officials. The change was recently approved by Army Chief of Staff Gen. E.C. Meyer.

According to officials, the camouflage uniform will replace the durable press utility uniform (fatigues) now being issued. The Army will begin phasing out the utility uniform after the camouflage uniform becomes an issue item.

The camouflage uniform is expected to be in clothing sales stores by late 1981.

More cents per mile

Presidians using their cars for business in 1979 may now deduct 18.5 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles driven, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Previously, the mileage rate was 17 cents a mile.

The rate for cars driven more than 15,000 miles on business and cars that have fully depreciated, however, remains 10 cents a mile.

According to the IRS, individual taxpayers may deduct the mileage rate instead of gasoline, oil, repairs, insurance, depreciation, and other operating and fixed expenses.

For vehicles used for charitable, medical and moving expense purposes, the rate has increased to eight cents a mile for 1979. The rate covers the cost of gasoline and oil.

Taxpayers may choose to deduct actual expenses rather than using the standard mileage rate if they keep- accurate records supporting the deduction, according to the IRS. Parking fees and tolls may also be deducted in addition to either standard rate.

Cowboys wanted

Do you like horses? If you meet certain requirements there may be a job with horses for you at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

The U. S. Modern Pentathlon Training Center is looking for a school-trained farrier and several stable hands for immediate assignment to their stable.

The jobs involve working around and caring for 50 horses used in training for national and international competition.

The center is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Fort Sam Houston is on the outskirts of San Antonio, Tex., one of the country's larger cities.

The desired grade for these positions is E-1 through E-5. The tour will be stabilized on an individual basis.

For further information interested Presidians should contact the NCOIC at Autovon 471-4816 or 5726.

Army to focus on service

"America's future is today's challenge, and serving the country is both an honor and a citizen's responsibility." That's the theme for a month long, Army-wide effort to bring national attention on the need and value of service to the country.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. E.C. Meyer has directed all Army personnel, both military and civilian to participate in the program.

"I envision all components of the Army actively participating in. . . (a program to increase public awareness of the need and value of service). . . which will begin on the first of December. Army personnel—military and civilian; active, reserve and retired—are encouraged to seek forums where they can express the need and value of service to our country to the American public," stated Meyer in a recent message to the Army.

National attention will be directed on the program on Dec. 22 when a military halftime tribute to General of the Army Omar Bradley will be broadcast from the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Tx.

"By stressing that America's future is today's challenge and that serving the country is both an honor and a citizen's responsibility, the need to man our Armed Forces may be brought to the forefront throughout the country. It is equally important that our soldiers and citizens alike understand their contribution and are imbued with the selfless nature of military service. I encourage your support for this program," Meyer concluded.

Army seeks logistics NCO

The Army is still seeking about 1,000 NCOs interested in becoming logisticians, according to a MILPERCEN announcement.

The non-commissioned officer logistics program (NCOLP) is designed to provide a pool of NCOs who are highly qualified to perform a wide range of logistics duties.

Last spring, MILPERCEN increased its recruiting efforts for the program. As a result, more applications were received than in the past two years. There are still openings in many of the MOSs' in the program, however.

According to Capt. William Babylon, Chief of COMPACT, to be eligible, NCOs must:

- Be in one of the following MOSs': 32Z, 35P, 41C, 45K, 45L, 45Z, 55B, 55G, 55X, 55Z, 62B, 63C, 63H, 63Z, 64Z, 67Z, 71N, 76D, 76J, 76P, 76V, 76W, 76X, 76Y, 76Z.
- Be in grade E6 or above.
- Have scored at least 110 on their last PMOS evaluation or 70 percent on a current SQT.
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- Have served at least five years in their PMOS or a combined five years in the PMOS and another MOS within the same career management field.
- Possess a secret clearance.
- Have a GT score of at least 100—soldiers may be retested for this purpose.
- Have no military or civilian criminal record during their previous or current enlistment.
- Be physically qualified for worldwide assignment.

Waivers may be granted for any of these requirements except grade and MOS, Babylon stated.

Selection is made by a DA board after a thorough review of the NCOs official military personnel file and application.

Upon completion of the course, graduates receive skill qualification identifier "K" and are managed by a special team within MILPERCEN, officials said.

Nomination and application procedures are included in procedure 3-35 of DA PAM 600-8. Interested NCOs may apply by contacting their unit personnel sergeant.

Look mom, painted hands

This little girl is smiling because she has a place to go where she can learn while mother and dad are at work. Thanks to CFC dollars day care centers, and other youth activities provide many services to young people around the world. (Photo courtesy of CFC)

Ramblin' Sam

What one thing would you change about the Presidio?

Mrs. Elizabeth Wiley, American Red Cross— "The parking. Boy, it's really awful."

SFC Franklin Goodwin, NCOIC Post Mail Room— "The main urgent thing I would change would be the parking situation. It would make alot of people happpy."

1st Lt. Wayne Emard, Adjutants' Office— "I would put all the tenant commands united under one command so that there is no double standard."

Mrs. Barbara Barnett, LAMC Commanding General's Office— "Nothing. I think the Presidio is beautiful. There's nothing about the facilities that I see needing change. It's a nice place."

Pv2 William Karoly, 163rd MP Co.— "Get rid of paid parking."

Don't pay to park!

You don't have to pay the $10 parking fee if you don't want to.

It is very easy to get out of paying the fee if you are willing to make the effort.

The first thing you have to do is stop driving your car to work every day.

"But how am I going to get to work?"

Join a carpool, take public transportation, walk or ride a bike to work. Sure, it's not as convenient, but it will help you stop paying the $10 parking fee.

The parking fee was imposed not as a punishment or because of some Washington bureaucrat had a wild idea, but to save energy.

The system is designed to make government employees take the lead in helping our nation to conserve the energy it needs to insure a bright future.

A very real possibility exists that we may soon be without the valuable oil which we import from the Middle East. As the Iranian situation drags on, the chances increase that action may be taken against Arab nations which help our country. This could mean another oil embargo and we must be prepared to meet this crisis.

I am sure there are many of you who are thinking—**"He doesn't know what he's talking about.** They won't cut off the oil." I certainly hope you are right. But remember that's what they said in 1973.

Regardless of what happens in the Middle East, oil is growing less and less available and more and more expensive. These are facts which each one of us has seen in the past six months.

The President is calling upon those of us in government service, and that includes every soldier and civilian who takes home a green pay check, to take the lead in energy conservation.

If we show our fellow Americans in our towns and cities that we are being energy-wise, they too will soon follow in our footsteps. If we are wasteful, then they probably will be wasteful too.

The Iranian crisis has united us as a nation. But we need to stay united, after the crisis has past, in our efforts to conserve energy.

If we waste energy today, it might be a cold tomorrow.

The Editor

Action Line

Question: What will be done with the money collected from the new "pay to park" policy?.

Answer: According to the recent DA directive received on parking facilities program, parking fees are to be used to pay for the costs of maintenance, marking, lighting and security, incurred by the installation on parking areas where parking rates are charged. Any amount left over at the end of each fiscal year after deducting the installation's costs, is to be turned over to the US Treasury. Presidio is currently in the process of implementing a local procedure in compliance with the DA directive.

George Morrison
Comptroller

Reader Opinion

Although the parking fee program was implemented as on Nov. 6, 1979; we still have not received a definite answer as to how the money collected will be used. It has been rumored that there is a possibility of contracting for meter maids.

If so, should we expend the money on such a non-energy related project? In tune with this move for energy conservation maybe this money should be ear-marked for energy related programs. May I suggest:

To save employees time—how about a **solar** operated ticket issuing machine?d

Or maybe the printing press that produces our colorful parking fee tickets could be run on **solar** energy?

Or possibly—the money that we will be saving by carpooling, can be applied towards a cost of living increase that is being eaten up by the present parking fee.

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Packing up. . .

Military personnel build up pallets of Christmas mail to expidite shipment to overseas areas. From left to right are: Marine Sgt. Douglas Warren, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco; SP4 Sergio Obispo, SP5 Juan Rayos, SP4 Larry Randolph, and SSgt. Michael Gaskin are all assigned to the 16th AG (Postal).
(Photo by Don Terry)

Christmas mail gets overseas faster thanks to soldiers

by Ted Elisee

Thousands of military men stationed in the Pacific will not be home for Christmas this year.

The problems of not being with family and friends during the holidays have been the main concern of the Military Mail Terminal and the U.S. Postal Service in San Francisco.

With the cooperation of the armed services and the mail services, a new rapid transit system has been developed to insure quick delivery of all letters, cards and packages sent by SAM to the Pacific this year.

The new 'quick delivery' program began as a joint operation involving the U.S. Army Mail Terminal (USAMMT)—San Francisco, the Fleet Post Office, the 16th AG Postal, the Military Airlift Command and the U.S. Postal Service. Each activity is providing essential equipment, manpower, and services for this new effort that will speed more than a half million pounds of mail to its destination.

According to Maj. David Smith, Commander of USAMMT, "The Air Force has been instrumental in training our personnel in the proper technique of constructing pallets that will hold the mail bags and packages on the aircraft. Instead of having the mail leave our facility loose in U.S. Postal trucks and then sit at Travis AFB to be loaded on Air Force planes, we now have the ability to construct the pallets here, load them on trucks and take them to waiting aircraft."

The men, who are assigned by special duty to the mail terminal, work sixteen hours on two shifts a day. One of the shifts is supervised by a Marine sergeant, while the other is supervised by an Army NCO. The two shifts do all that is necessary to prepare the mail for shipment and then speeds it on its way to Travis AFB, via U.S. Postal assets.

The quick delivery system will be in operation until December 22, 1979. It will allow the Military Airlift Command (MAC) to deliver the mail four or five days faster than during previous Christmas periods.

The main points of debarkation for the mail are Manila and Okinawa, with Seoul and Tokyo slated for the future.

Tightening up . . .

SFC James McDonald, secures the palletized mail with nylon nets. (Photo by Don Terry)

Covering up. . .

SP4 Clifford Troutman of the 16th AG (Postal) covers the palletized mail to protect if from the weather while in transit.
(Photo by Don Terry)

You can change the world

There are a lot of things wrong with this world we live in. Children are hungry or crippled or lack places to go to school or play. Parents often abandon their children because they cannot care for them. Senior citizens are often left alone to go hungry and die and cancer kills more and more people each year.

The list goes on and there's not much we can do about it.

One person can't do much about the suffering which inflicts the world around us. But as a group, we can make a strong effort to help improve the lives of millions of people. In fact we can even help ourselves. And it doesn't take much effort or a lot of money from anyone.

Each year the Combined Federal Campaign is held to offer soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians the opportunity to help improve life, cure and fight disease, and provide valuable assistance to the world.

Donations from the CFC are used by more than 124 agencies world-wide to provide care for those in need.

Among the largest group to receive funds from CFC is the National Health agencies which include groups such as the American Cancer Society, National Association for Sickle Cell Citizens, American Heart Association, National Society to Prevent Blindness, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and others.

Not only do these groups work to find cures for the disease with which they work, but also to find ways to prevent the disease or defect.

International Service Agencies such as Care, Planned Parenthood, Save the Children and Project Hope also receive funds from CFC. These organizations work to feed the hungry, cure the sick, as well as to correct the conditions which brought about these conditions.

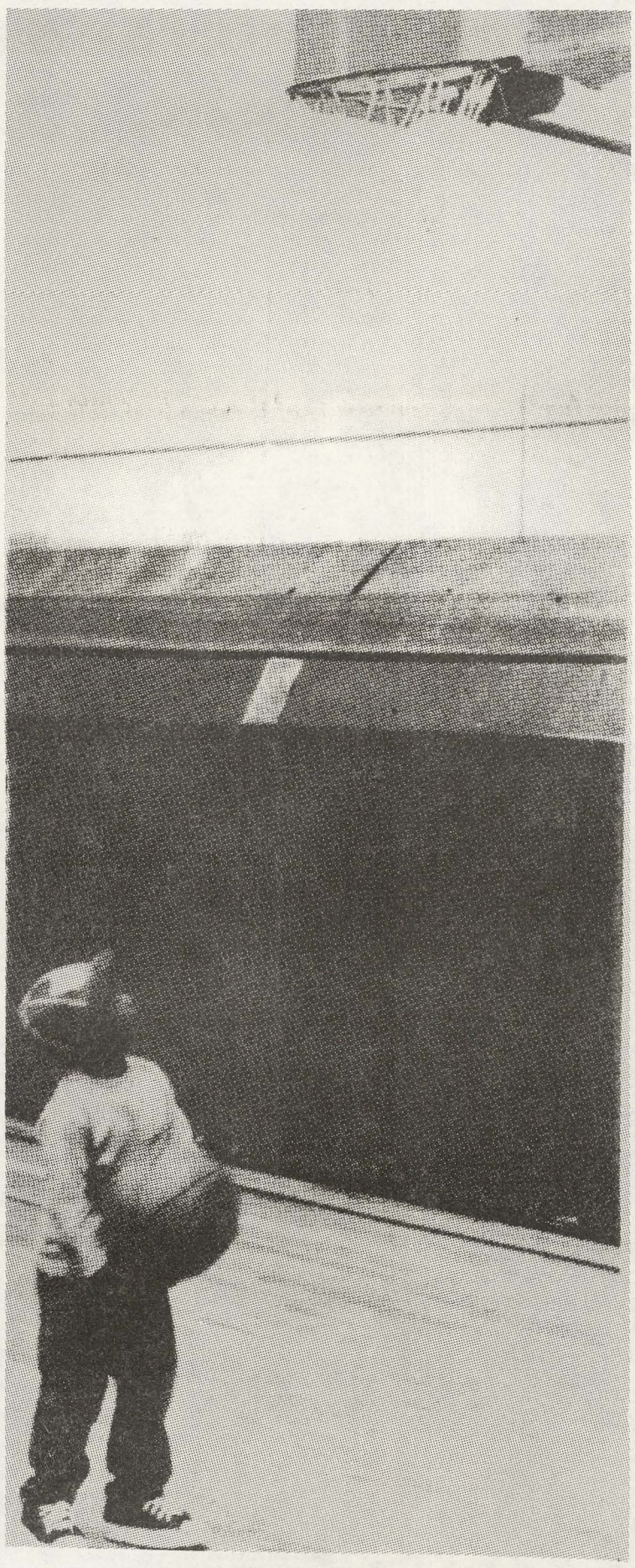
Dollars from CFC also go to help soldiers and their families. The American Red Cross, the United Services Organization (USO), the boy and girl scouts are just a few of the agencies which return the donations of soldiers to them in the form of support and assistance.

Bay Area agencies also receive funds from the United Way which receives contributions from CFC. These moneys go to help provide residents of the area with health care, community and youth centers, day care, and assistance to senior citizens.

Sure, as individuals we can't do much to change the world, but as a group giving to CFC we can take a great step in that direction. The 1979 CFC drive ends tomorrow if you still haven't given, and would like to, contact your keyperson.

Hank Aaron in the making?

This youth takes a swing at a baseball at a local Boy's



A long way to go

This young San Francisco child has something to shoot for, thanks to the services of the San Francisco Boys' Club.

Learning together

These children suffer from cerebral palsy but are learning to walk thanks to donations to the Combined Federal Campaign.

Not much of a meal

These Indian children don't have much, but thanks to CARE, they at least have something to eat. CARE and many other agencies receive funds yearly to help feed the hungry thanks to the generousity of thousands of CFC donors.

He's happy

This youngster is smiling thanks to help he receives from a local rehabilitation center supported by the Combined Federal Campaign.

Happy in her work

Typing makes this young lady smile. Thanks to a special rehabilitation program she's found a job and a place in society. Her training was aided by funds received from the Combined Federal Campaign.

Off Post

A full slate of holiday related activities can be found throughout the Bay Area this week.

The fifth annual **"Fiesta de Navidad de San Francisco,"** a musical and fun celebration of the city's first Christmas will be held at **Fort Point on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Latin dancers, Christmas songs of old Mexico, bands playing music from South of the Border, and the breaking of gift-laden pinatas for the children will highlight this Christmas fiesta.

Since thousands are expected to attend the celebration, it is recommended that Presidio residents either walk or take Muni bus No. 28 which stops a short distance from Fort Point.

The **Dickens Christmas Fair** continues this weekend at **Fort Mason.** Round trip transportation is available from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's side of Crissy Field.

Brigadoon, a romantic musical in the fine tradition of Lerner and Lowe, continues **Dec. 1, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m.** in the McKenna Theatre on the San Francisco State University campus. A special matinee performance is set for **Dec. 9** at **2 p.m.**

The musical is alternately set in New York and the magical village of Brigadoon in the highlands of Scotland. The sharp contrasts between the desolate big city and the misty glens of Brigadoon provide the backdrop for this light-hearted show.

A massed display of poinsettias and cyclamen can be seen at the **Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park** from 8 a.m. until 4:20 p.m. every day starting on Saturday and concluding Jan. 1, 1980.

Contemporary Latin American Music on the guitar will be performed by Claire Weinraub at the **de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park at 2 p.m. on Sunday.**

Also at **2 p.m.,** a concert by the **Aurora String Quartet** will be held in the **Legion of Honor** at 34th Avenue and Clement Street.

A few short years ago, he was known only to the East Bay. Today, after two hit singles and a platinum album, **Eddie Money** is at the top of many people's list of exciting new rock singers.

A documentary about his life, **"Money Madness,"** will have its northern California premiere at San Francisco State University's **McKenna Theatre, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets for the performance are $2 general admission, and $1.25 for San Francisco State University students and alumni association members.

Year of the Child

A series of black and white portraits of multihandicapped and mentally retarded youths, such as the one above, will be exhibited during the month of December at 50 United Nations Plaza. The photos by Lisa Kanemoto are being displayed in celebration of the Year of the Child.

Prices are up, but not in PX

If you're planning to order something through AAFES catalog sales, you might want to order it soon.

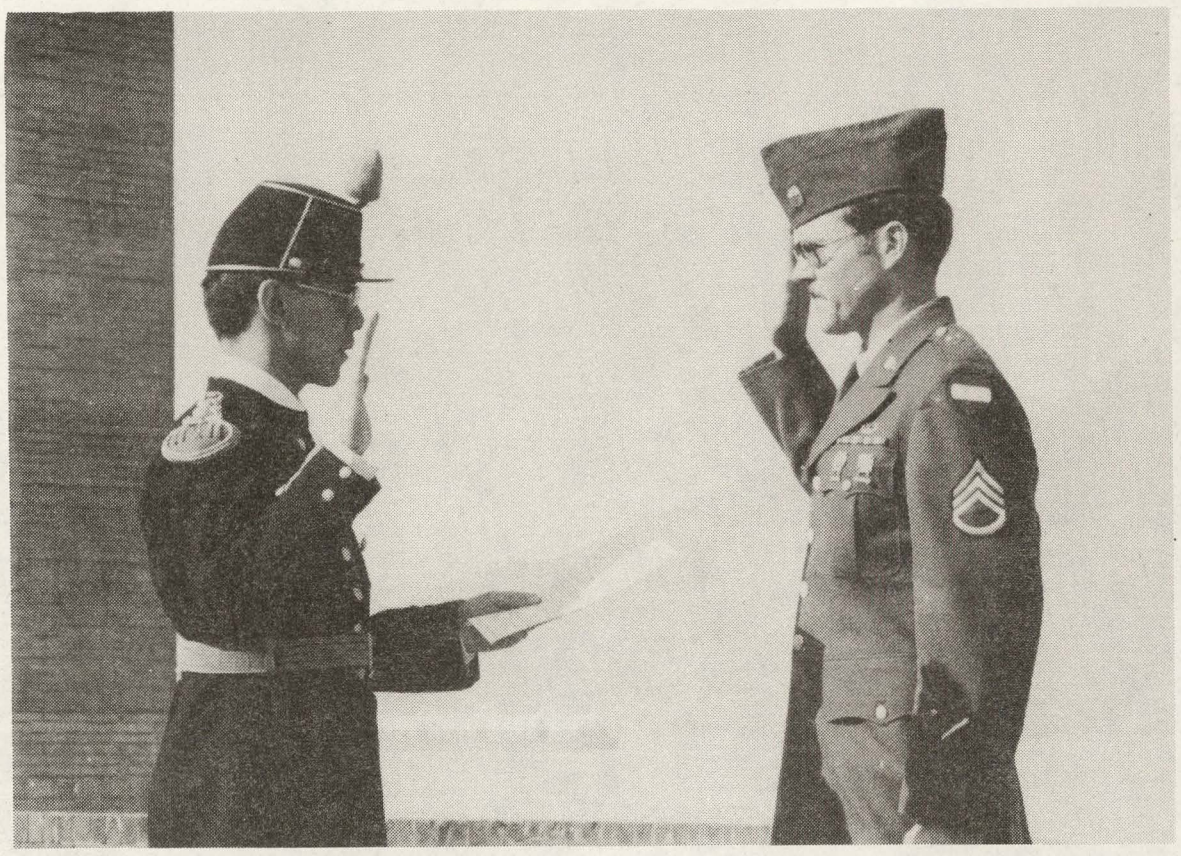
According to Ms. Sondra Bourne, Presidio exchange manager, many manufactures have increased their prices since the 1978/80 AAFES catelog was published. The biggest increases are in diamonds, gold and silver items and leather goods.

Bourne states that the increases are being absorbed by AAFES where possible, and catalog orders are being processed at the prices stated in the catalog.

"Although no across-the board increases are now being considered, AAFES is encouraging customers to place catalog orders early. This is being done," explains Bourne, "to allow customers to avoid additional price increases which appear unavoidable in view of today's market conditions."

Orders received after the effective date of a price will be shipped and the customer will be billed for the amount due.

If the increase is more than $10 or five percent, the customer will be contacted and given the choice of cancelling the order or paying the amount due prior to shipment of the order.



Historic reenlistment

SSgt. John A. Timm, of Headquarters Co. USAG, takes the oath of enlistment from 1st Lt. Benjamin Agustin, the company's executive officer. Agustin donned the dress blue uniform of a Coast Artillery officer to perform the ceremony which was held at Fort Point. Timm selected the historic fort because, "I wanted to do it in a place that had a lot of history. In my life this is a historical event." Timm will soon don the drill seargeant's hat at his new duty station of Fort Dix N. J.
(Photo by Tony Rose)

Sports

SHAPE team gets into 'shape' here

by Tom Donaghy

The SHAPE basketball team is at Presidio preparing for this year's European basketball season which begins in Belgium Dec. 3.

The team arrived Nov. 17 for a series of scrimmages with the local college teams, and practice.

A Presidio soldier, 2nd Lt. Gary J. Winton, was selected to the twelve man squad. The 6-foot 6-inch Winton is currently assigned as a staff officer at the Sixth Army Provost Marshals' Office.

The SHAPE team consists of members of the Army, Air Force, and Navy who were selected as the twelve best players from the United States Basketball Tournament held in March. They will represent the U.S. in international competition against N. A. T. O. teams, traveling extensively throughout Europe.

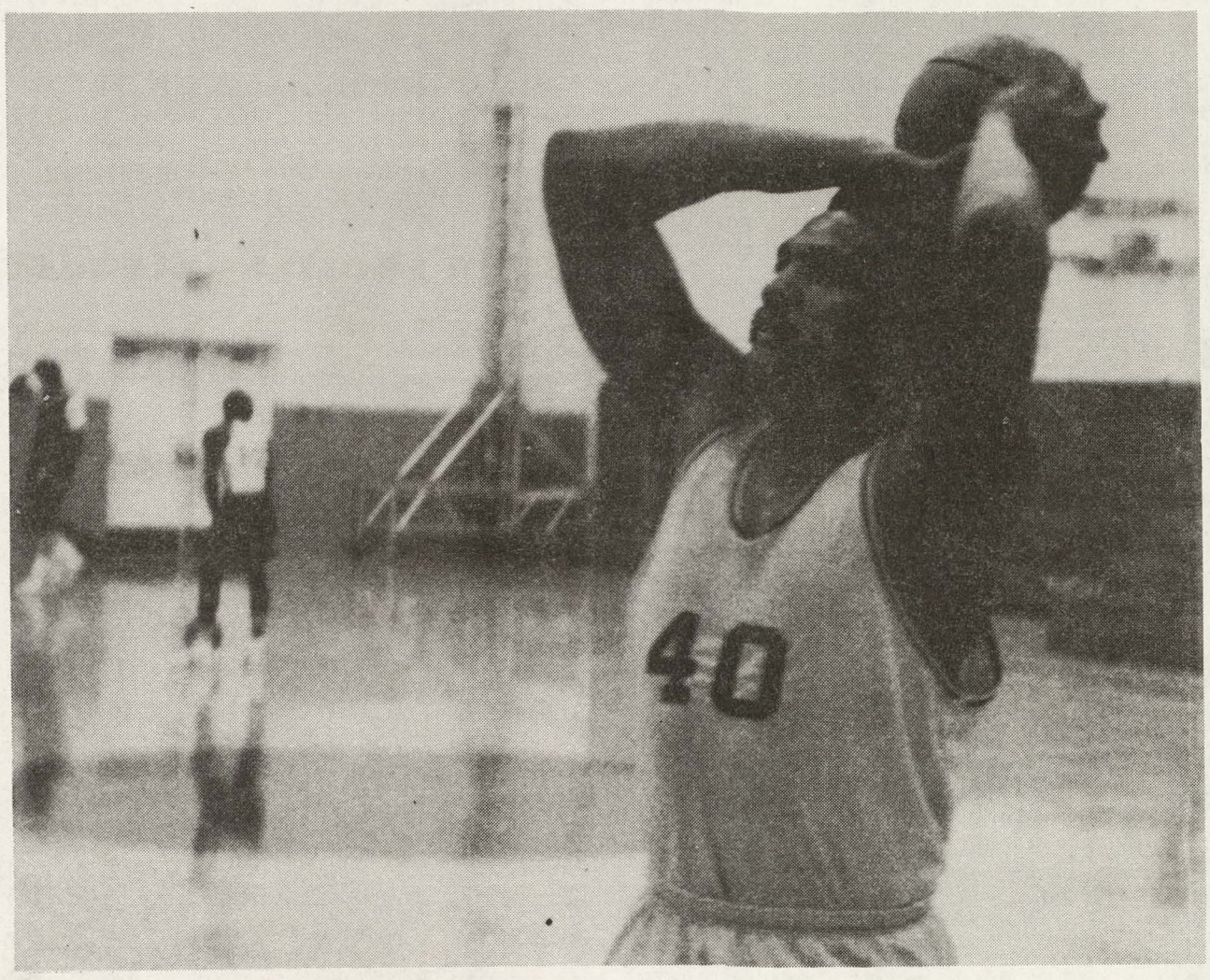
Bob Gascon, Post athletic director, and assistant for the team said that the reason SHAPE came to Presidio was "because of the type of basketball played here at local colleges. It is the best area in the country for them to get ready for the fast pace of international ball."

Gascon also said that though NCAA rules differ some from international play, the scrimmages they played were "fast paced, with alot of scoring."

The SHAPE, or Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, basketball teams in the past have done "excellent" in the past according to Gascon, winning four straight N. A. T. O. championships.

Winton, who is a graduate of West Point, and played on the basketball team there, said he hopes to do well while in Europe, and perhaps get a berth on the 1980 Olympic team.

The twelve SHAPE team members and coaches will leave Presidio Saturday and arrive in Brussels, Belgium two days later to begin this year's fight for the N.A.T.O. title.



Presidio's basketball star

Gary Winton, of the Sixth Army PMO, takes a shot during a recent practice session of the SHAPE basketball team. The team is practicing at the Presidio to prepare for its international competition in Europe. (Photo by Tom Donaghy)

Bowlers take home turkeys and ham

Fifty-seven bowling turkey shoot winners had alot to be thankful for Thanksgiving day as they took home an incredible **1,300 pounds of turkey and hams.**

The shoot was held at the Post Bowling Center, and each victor took home either a 20 pound turkey or a five-pound grade A ham.

The winners were: Dolly Baker, Armand Burlot, George Conner, Henry Burrows, Pauline Chandler, Randolf Jacobs, R.J. West, Jerry Latta, Katy Kopp, Leo Legittimo, Barbara Gilmore, tissy and Rudi Ansbacher, Yvette Martimka, James Wales, Melvin Clifford, Ken French, Marsha Millet, Julian Kito, Dennis Werne, Laura Cummings, Steven Vallelunga, George Bates, Linda Sheridan, Steve Brian, Jack Danials, Billie Freeman, Elwood Dupsteat, Ed Johnson, Fred Jackson, Donna Dunbar, Larry Andrus, Frenchy Burlot, Mitzi Hada, Sonya Goldsboro, Connie Farrow, Mary Lou George, James Seals, Henry Tobiasl, Ron Ealy, Dianne Murphy, Richard Lincoln, Bonnie Bates, Janet Huertas, Roger Francis, Yvonne Latta, Joyce Martin, Karen Keyman, Emma Bellamy, Wayne Morris, Gary Dunn, Syd Reid, Ann Reid, Peggy Narducci, Zeny Ydarra, Dianne Luaresma, Angelo Zegna, and Kenneth Crase.

Safety or performance ruling NFL?

By Hank Stram
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The NFL owners at their March meeting introduced ten major changes in the playing rules for the 1979 season. In addition, they took positive action in ten other areas designed primarily to help the game for the players, officials and the fans.

It must be pointed out that over the last ten years, more than 30 percent of all rule changes have been directed to safety aspects of the game. The safety factor is and must always be a strong consideration, but care has to be taken, however, not to penalize excellence and the artistic execution of the game.

To illustrate this point, one of the new rules states that no blocking will be permitted below the waist by members of the return team on punts, kickoffs and on field goal attempts.

Several years ago, a change was made that required linemen on the punting team to wait until the ball was kicked before they could leave to cover the punt. This was done with the expressed purpose of encouraging more exciting plays in football.

Now the present rule completely contradicts that published principle because it is almost impossible to get a decent return because there is a penalty on almost every return.

Do you realize how difficult it is to hit a speeding target within the framework of the 3-yard hitting surface, that is from the waist up? Almost impossible. With the rule the way it is, I think there might be more contact in the NBA than there is in the NFL on returns.

The one rule that I thought would be a real problem is the quick whistle, blowing a play dead when a quarterback is clearly in the grasp of any tackling player. The official would have to make another tough judgement anytime this situation would arise. This one has worked out beautifully, however.

One of the most difficult things in pro football to do is run outside. It's much more a problem in pro football than in college because the colleges employ the option, but the pros do not.

The new crack back rule imposes a problem for the offense because a recent rule changed to say that the area which crack back blocks are prohibited will be from three to five yards on either side of the line of scrimmage in order to provide a greater measure of protection for the player.

For this reason, it is almost impossible to run outside to the weak side of a formation. This deprives the fan of another opportunity to see a big play.

Safety is very important, but it should not take away from the excellence that has been a trademark of professional football.

All in all, safety is vital, but safety should come from better and contemporary equipment and since the teams are playing more league games, perhaps increasing the player limit would also help the safety aspects, too.

Increasing the player limit, perhaps, would help the safety aspect. Changing rules and penalizing excellence is not the answer, however.

Presidio News Notes

Recycling on Sat.

The recycling day for the month of December will be this Saturday. All Presidio residents are urged to have their newspapers and aluminum cans ready for pickup. Proceeds are divided among the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Aquarius Swim Club, and Chapel Youth. The Presidio Recycling Center is located in Bldg. 204, between post headquarters and the main PX. Only newspapers and pure aluminum cans are suitable for recycling. The first Saturday of the month is the regular collection day; however, contributions can be deposited in the containers provided at the Recycling Center at any time.

Free concert set

The Sixth United States Army Band will present a free concert of Christmas music at the Palace of Fine Arts, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. The program will include selections from "The Nutcracker Suite," "O Holy Night," "March of the Toys," and "A Christmas Festival." Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Parking permits on sale

Parking permits for the month of December go on sale tomorrow on the first floor of the Provost Marshal's office. Permits for the month of November will still be valid until Dec. 7. Car pool permit requests for the month of November will be honored for the month of December if the car pool is still valid.

Sign up for B-ball

The DYA basketball program will continue sign ups for boys and girls ages 9 thur 16 during the week of Dec. 3-7. All registrations will be in the Morale Support Activities office, Bldg. 122 lower level, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. A fee of $4 will be charged. Parents must provide a proof of birth document such as an ID card or birth certificate at time of registration. For more information, call the DYA office at 561-5143.

Writer to speak

The Presidio Officers Wives' Club will celebrate their 60th birthday at their Dec. 6 luncheon. Lee England, fashion columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle will be the guest speaker for the day and the San Francisco Boys' Chorus will sing Christmas carols during the social hour. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and reservations must be made before 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 by calling 561-2472 or 883-5010.

LAMC event planned

The Letterman Women's Club will sponsor a walking tour of three homes on the Presidio's O'Reilly Ave as part of the "Christmas on O'Reilly Ave." program on Dec. 13.

Tickets will be $3 for members and $1.50 for those in uniform.

Wilderness concert set

"The Wilderness Concert," a multi-media production of "Dance Based on Themes of the American Wilderness," will be presented at the Presidio Playhouse Dec. 6, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

The production was created, choreographed, and directed by Bob Stuart Murphy, Sundance Studio, in cooperation with The National Park Service and the special assistance of Yosemite Natural History Association. The program was created in 1976, for presentation in Yosemite National Park, where it has been in performance there seasonally since that time.

"The Wilderness Concert" is a fully staged dance production. It is a clearly and powerfully conceived dance theatre, created in an attempt to help reunite the modern urban American community with its rich historical and wilderness heritage. The dance is placed in context with a spectacular yet subtle panoramic media presentation of High Sierra wilderness.

The program is now being presented in selected Bay Area locations, and is being brought to the Presidio under the auspices of The Presidio Playhouse, in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Free tickets will be available at the Playhouse Box Office from 1-5 p.m. daily except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances, beginning Dec. 3. For further information call 561-3992

Open season extended

The Health Benefits Open Season for Presidio civilian personnel has been extended. CPO will continue to receive registration forms until Dec. 14, 1979.

We goofed!

Our story two weeks on the return of the odd-even system contained an error. **Personalized license plates are considered odd for purchasing gas.**

Tour announced

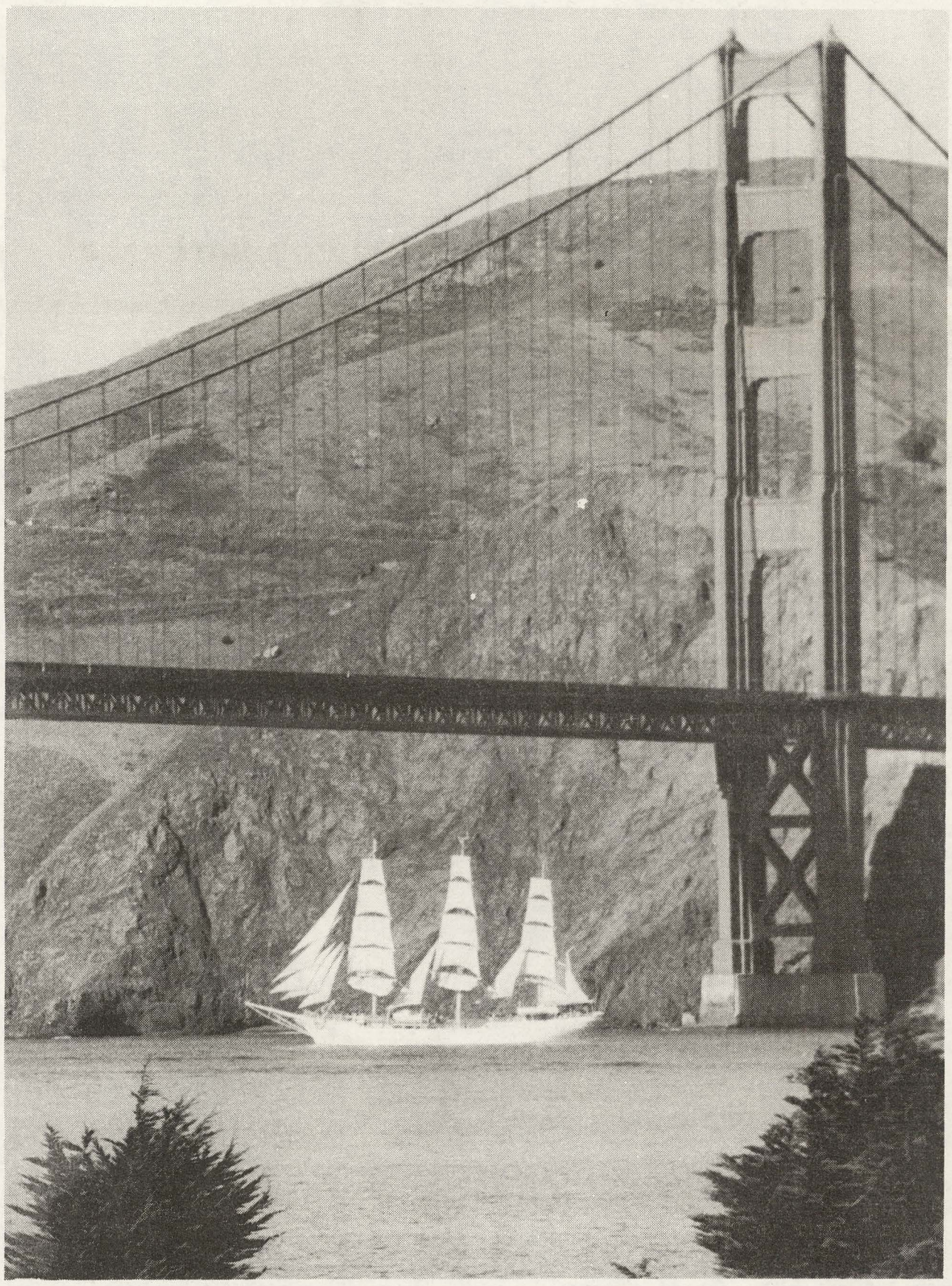
The Recreation Center's annual Christmas Decoration Tour will be held on Dec. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. Transportation will be via motorized cable car. A deposit of $2.00 will reserve your seat for this most unusual tour. If you missed it last year, be sure to sign up early.

Discount tickets for the San Francisco "Nutcracker Suite Ballet" will be available for Dec. 17, Dec. 18 and Dec. 22 performances. These tickets are located in the dress circle area of the Opera House. Tickets are $17.00 each.

For additional information about the above item and other Recreation Center activities, please call the center daily after 2 p.m. at 561-2000. Ticket sales and distribution of discount coupons dialy after 4 p.m.

Champs to perform

The post Morale Support Activities will present "An Evening of Disco-Rock-Revue-Dance" with Gary and Gloria Poole, United States National Disco Champions, at the Presidio Playhouse on November 30 and December 1, at 8 p.m.



Tall ship under a tall bridge

The Christian Radich from Norway sails under the Golden Gate Bridge on her way to a training exercise for her crew. Post photographer, John Green, caught this photo and submitted it to us. All Presidio photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to submit interesting photos to the Star Presidian for consideration. No monetary rewards are given, just our thanks for sharing your work with us.

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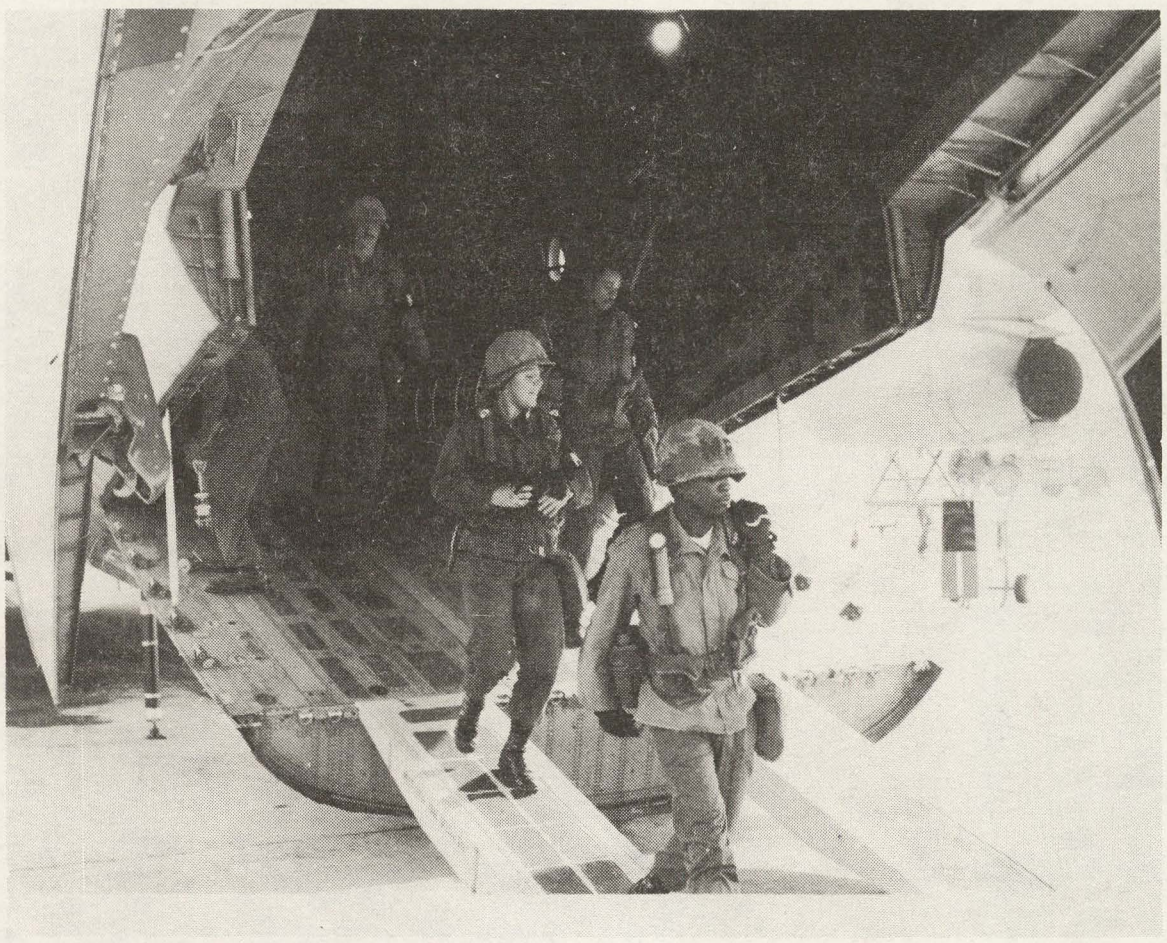

It was a long flight

Members of the 209th MP Company from Fort Meade, Maryland exit from the C141 transport aircraft which flew them to Travis Air Force Base. They arrived Saturday to assume the duties of the 504th MPs who are on a field training exercise. The 209th, consisting of 96 persons, will also return to Fort Meade on Monday.
(Photo by Tom Donaghy)

Meade MPs patrol Presidio streets

by Tom Donaghy

When an MP company from the wintery east coast is flown to the beautiful and comparatively warm Presidio in the midst of a great city like San Francisco for ten days of training you have to ask yourself one question: **Do MPs have more fun?**

For members of the 209th MP Company from Fort Meade, Maryland, the fun began on Saturday when they flew into Travis Air Force Base. They came in three C141 transport jets carrying tons of equipment including 96 soldiers, 15 jeeps, three trailers and a variety of weapons and field gear.

The 209th is part of Fort Meades' 519th MP Battalion. They were selected to come to Presidio to take over for the 504th MP Battalion, which left Monday for a five day exercise at Fort Hunter/Leggitt.

The move was an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise designated by FORSCOM to keep the unit prepared for any type of situation requiring fast action.

No problems

"The transition of MP personnel shouldn't present any problem," said Capt. James Isom, of the 504th MP Battalion. "MP units are trained to do this. All posts have the same UCMJ regulations, and there are very few peculiarities from post to post."

According to Maj. Thomas McHugh, of the 504th, "There wasn't a lot of prior planning for this exercise," explaining the flexability of the MPs. "The in-coming soldiers went through an orientation and took over the 504th's duties on Sunay."

However, McHugh said that the 504th left 40 of their "key men" behind who know the post well and can assist the temporary police with their tasks and training.

While the Fort Meade MPs are here, the 504th MP battalion, as welll as the post engineer units are at Fort Hiunter/Leggitt for their own special training.

Units train

1st Lt. Wayne Sylvester, of the 504th, explained some of the duties that the MPs and engineers will perform while there. "During the first two days the group will go through unit training such as traffic control. Then there will be three days of readiness training to include demolitions, convoy escort practice, P. O.W. control, river crossing techniques, route reconnaisance, and perimeter defense."

The 504th returns to Presidio today in a convoy and will start phasing out the 209th who leave for Fort Meade on Monday.

The Air Lift Control Element Co-ordinator, Air Force Lt. Col. Richard C. Hale, praised the smoothness of the operation saying, "Everything went well except for one plane that ran late because off maintenance problems. We (the Air Force) did nothing but act as liaison in this operation. The Army is well trained in air operations and did an outstanding job."

The 209th seemed pleased when they deplaned at Travis Air Force Base, and broke out into a game of touch football to pass the time waiting for the delayed aircraft. 1st Lt. Steve England of the 209th said as he walked onto the air field, "It's good to be here. We're looking forward to doing it. We're deployed often and we hope to do a lot more of it."

England said that the transition "has been very smooth. Presidio is not a very large post and we all have maps." He also said that "The troops love it."

Briefly

MPs wanted

Junior Grade Military Police (MP), E-3 through E-5, with a flair for languages are being sought for assignments in Germany, according to Capt. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

MPs who have passed the Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) may volunteer for German language training and then be assigned to Germany.

The 32-week course is held at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey. Dependents may join in these classes on a space available basis. Quarters for students and their dependents are available at nearby Fort Ord.

MPs interested in applying should check DA Circular 350-1 and submit a DA Form 4187 through COMPACT To the MP Career Branch.

Anyone wishing to volunteer who already speaks German but does not have a language fluency test score in their records can take a language proficiency test to qualify, officials said.

Dear Santa

Presidio youngsters could receive a special letter from Santa thanks to the efforts of the members of an Air Force weather squadron.

Each year, members of Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron conduct the **Santa's Mailbag program.** Children write letters to Santa and with a little help from their parents and the Air Force, replies are sent back with a North Pole, Alaska postmark.

The parent's part in the program is very important. They must answer the child's letter, then enclose it in a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail it to:

Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron
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Eielson AFB, AK 99702

Members of the weather squadron open the letters from the children. They personalize the enclosed envelope from the parent with a drawing of Santa and then mail it to the child from the North Pole.

Parents should mail the letters as soon as possible. Letters received in mid-December or later may not get back to the child by Christmas.

School board to meet

A DA Board is scheduled to meet in early April at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. to select E-6s to attend advanced NCO Education System (ANCOES) courses during FY 81, according to Dept. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

The board will consider E-6s with a date of rank of April 1, 1975 through March 31, 1978 and a basic active service date (BASD) on or after Oct. 1, 1963. The board will not consider anyone who has been previously selected, has an imposed or initiated bar to reenlistment or has been denied reenlistment through the qualitative management screening process.

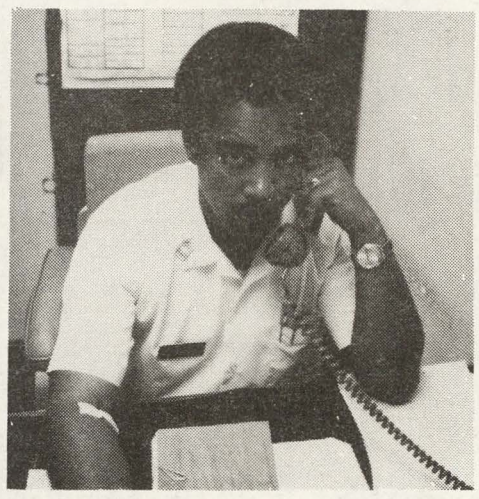
Eligible E-6s should make sure their qualification records, enlisted efficiency reports, enlisted evaluation data reports and photographs are up to date.

Soldiers being considered by the board may write a letter to the board president about any matter important to the consideration of their record. These letters must include the name, social security number, and grade and be addressed to: President, ANCOES Selection Board, c/o Commander, USAEREC, Attn: PCRE-RB, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IND. 46249.

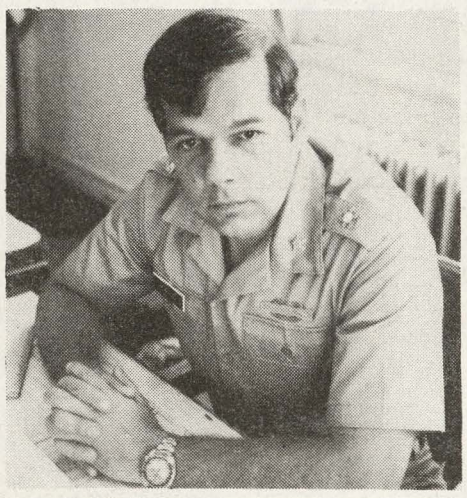
Letters of recommendation from the soldier's current chain of command will not be accepted.

Ramblin' Sam

What is the Star Presidian?



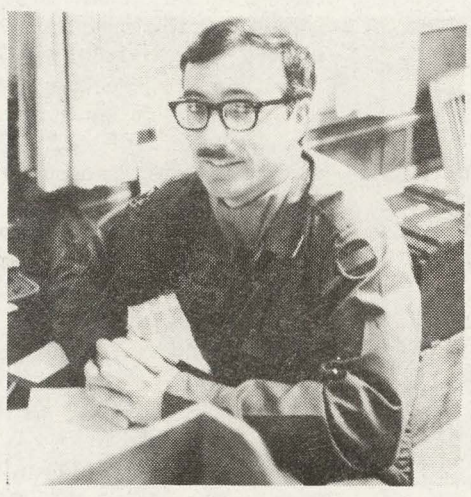
MSG Andrew Jones, LAMC—"It used to be a small talk tabloid, but recently it has attacked controversial issues. It has some pretty good reading now... some pretty meaty issues. And sometimes it's a sounding board for the disgruntled, which is good."



Maj. Vincent Rubino, 6th Army DCSPA—"The post news media. I find it very informative and read it through and through. It has the ability to bring all posts' tenants together."

Miss Barbara Desina, CPO—"It's a source of information for the post and community, and learning what other personnel on the Presidio are involved in, not just the military. But most of all it's good news—that's refreshing! That's what I like about it."

Richard Howell, 6th Army Engineers' Office—"I think it's a good weekly newspaper that offers a lot of news for the Presidio community. I'd like to see it have more family type features in it though."



SSgt. Wayne Redmond, Co. D., 864th Engineer—"Obviously, it's the post newspaper. It carries current events and the local happenings on post to the people who work here."

Duty - Honor - Country

During his final speech at West Point, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur talked about service to the nation and the soldiers role.

Although his words were spoken in 1962, perhaps they will inspire others to serve their nation because service to the nation is as important now as it was then.

"Duty, Honor, Country, these three hollowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.

"They are your rallying points to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorned...

"The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase... Every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every trouble maker and I am sorry to say some others of an entirely different character, will try to down grade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule...

"And what sort of soldiers are those you are to lead? Their story is known to all of you...

"His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that morality can give.

"He needs no eulogy from me or any other man. He has written his own history. He has written it in red on his enemies' graves...

"When I think of his patience under adversity, of his courage under fire and his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words...

"He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest examples of successful patriotism. He belongs to prosperity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom.

"He belongs to the present, to us, by his virtue and his achievements...

"In 20 campaigns on 100 battlefields around 1000 campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude that patriotic self abelegation and that invincible determination which have carved his statue in the heart of his people...

"From one end of the world to the other, he has drained deeply the chalice of courage...

"I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory...

"Always for them, Duty, Honor, Country. Always for them blood and sweat, and tears as we sought the way, the light and the truth...

"The soldier who is called upon to offer and give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind...

"The very obsession of your public service must be, Duty-Honor-Country...

"For a century and a half, you have defended, guarded and protected its (the nation's) hollowed ideas of liberty and freedom of right and justice...

"The long gray line has never failed us, if you were to do so a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and grey, would rise from their white crosses thundering those magic words, Duty-Honor-Country.

"This does not mean you are war mongers, on the contrary, the soldier among all others prays for peace..."

The Editor

Reader Opinion

Dear Editor:

I make reference to your article "Don't pay to park!" in the November 29th issue of the Star Presidian.

I do not argue with the article's intent. However, you make the statement "If we show our fellow Americans in our towns and cities that we are being energy-wise, they too will soon follow in our footsteps. If we are wasteful, then they probably will be wasteful, too."

That statement is laughable. How many followed our lead (we had no choice) in accepting a 5.5% raise last year? How many followed our lead this year at 7%?

This is not to say we shouldn't conserve. This is only to say the population at large doesn't give a darn what government employees don't get, they will, on the whole, take what their unions can get for them, and unless are forced by law to stop driving, they will continue.
Sincerely,

Laura M. Goodrich
Department of Army Civilian

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Like son, like father?

by Tom Donaghy

This is a story of "like son, like father."

Capt. Rolla Rich, father of Presidio's last Citizen of the Quarter, Damon, has succeeded his son for the honor.

The elder Rich has been the driving force behind numberless youth activities while at Presidio. "It's been a real kick," he said. "I enjoy it immensely. You can learn as much from the kids as they can learn from you. It becomes kind of addictive."

Sitting back he picks his words carefully, remembering all of the projects—make that remembering projects that he can, there have been so many.

Rolla was one of the founders of the youth karate program, and established and officiated for the Golden Gate Officials Association. He volunteered time to Presidio's First Annual Family Day, and LAMC's Organizational Day.

But his pride and joy is beyond question, working with the Cub Scouts, Weblos, and the Presidio soccer club, which he coached for three years. The soccer club, the Cosmos, won second place in last year's city championship.

"I got involved because my son was. He did so well that it seemed natural for me to get involved with him," Rich explained. "We were struggling for a while to get started, but today there is alot of participation and people getting involved which says something about our community."

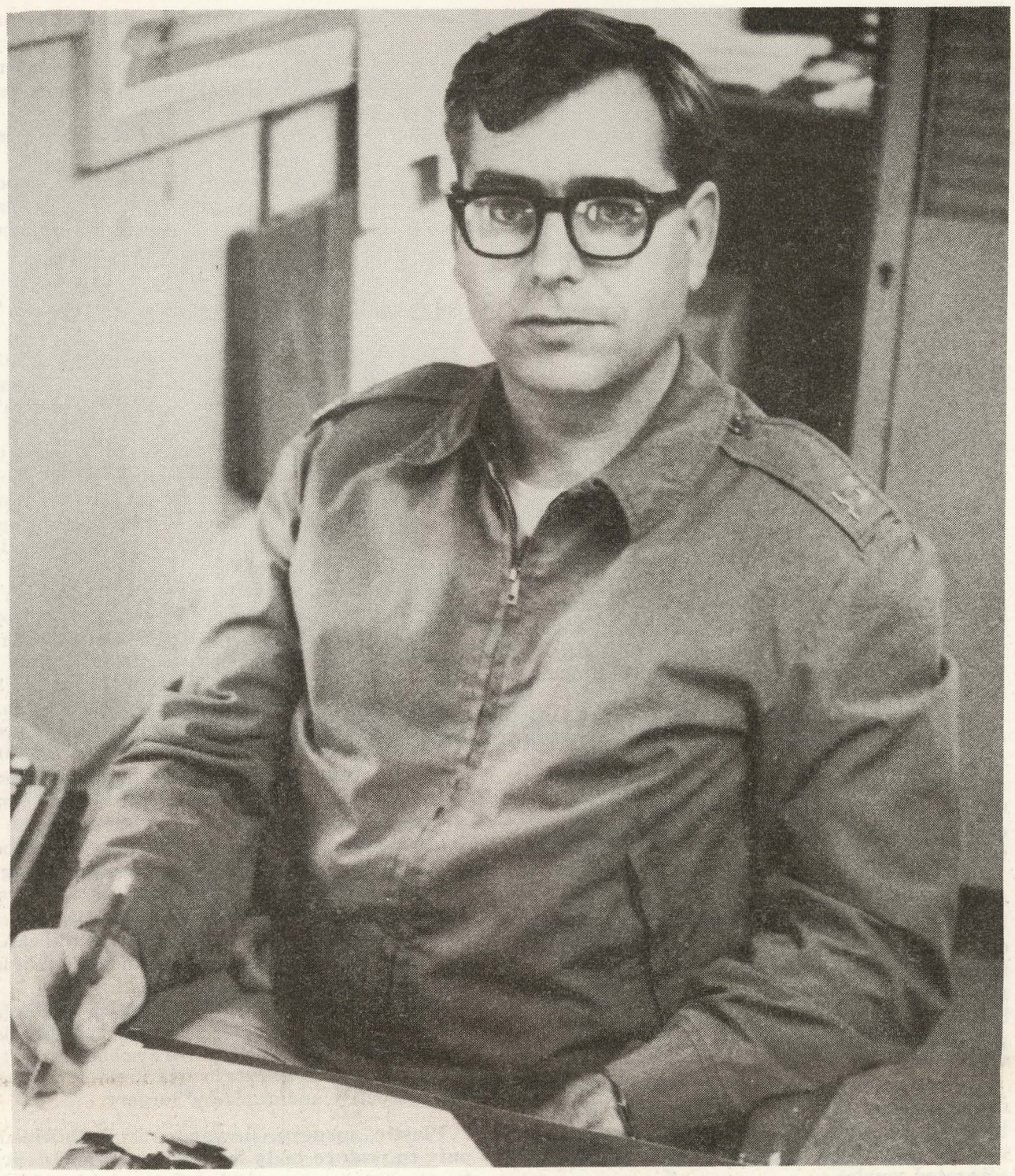
Besides all of his activities in sports and youth activities, Rich has made other noteable contributions to the community.

Rich organized a group of boys who removed more than 100 pounds of trash from the Paul Goode field. He also developed the microwave surveillance program here, and his office services about 150 ovens a year for the community to insure there are no health hazards.

As a nuclear/medical science officer, and chief of health physics for a large portion of the west coast, Rich's job deals with weapons and research using lazars, microwaves, and radiation.

The Presidio will lose the Richs on Dec. 15 when they leave for White Sands Missle Range. "I'm leaving this place with regrets," Rich said. "Life has been good here and we'll miss this place."

Rolla is looking ahead, however. He hopes to continue his activities at White Sands. "It's part of the Army, the constant challenge."



Capt. Rolla Rich, Presidio Citizen of the Quarter.

Presidians give big to help needy

Soldiers and civilian employees at the Presidio contributed more than $62,000 to the 1979 Combined Federal Campaign which officially ended Nov. 30 for most of the Army community in the Bay Area.

"To date, more than $96,000 has been credited to the Army account," according to Col. Dick Blake, Army CFC coordinator. "With the Letterman Army Medical Center extending their portion of the campaign one week and Oakland Army Base running through the month of December, I'm looking forward to hitting the $100,000 mark."

Organizationally, Presidio units made the biggest impression on the Army account, which is only part of the entire Bay Area federal effort.

Presidio soldiers and civilians contributed more than $27,000 followed by Sixth U.S. Army and Letterman Army Medical Center each with approximately $16,000 in contributions.

"The Army community in the Bay Area consists of some fourteen separate entities," continued Blake. "Among these are the Corps of Engineers, the Recruiting Command and others. The Presidio people who have given of their time and money in this worthwhile cause are to be congratulated.

The monies raised by the Combined Federal Campaign benefit more than 200 different agencies which receive support through the auspices of the United Way of the Bay Area, the National Health Agencies and the International Service Agencies.

Scouts honored

These Cub Scouts received the "Arrow of Light" award at Presidio recently, the highest of all Cub Scout awards. It is a skill badge for earning seven of 15 activity badges, as well as demonstrating leadership, citizenship and physical fitness. It is the only Cub award that can be worn on their uniforms when they become Boy Scouts. Pictured from rear left are: Robert Agee, Darren Roberts—Weblos' leader, and Scott Szurek. From front left are Scott Kim, Damon Rich, and Eric Svendson.

CHAMPUS, providing dependents inexpensive health care

by Tom Donaghy

PFC Tom Gunn is stationed at Camp Casey, Korea. His wife Judy is pregnant with their first child and living in Portland Oregon where the nearest Army hospital is 300 miles away.

Gunn and his wife can't afford to have their child born in a civilian hospital.

But in three weeks when Judy has her baby in a civilian hospital it won't cost the Gunns an arm and a leg thanks to CHAMPUS.

Military dependents are, by law, afforded the opportunity to enjoy life with good, yet inexpensive health care.

CHAMPUS, the Civilian Health And Medical Program of the Uniformed services, is the vehicle to good health care for all active duty dependants and retirees.

What is CHAMPUS?

According to LAMC CHAMPUS advisor, Mr. Bill Reardon, "The program was designed by the military for those service-related persons who live great distances from military hospitals, or for emergencies that crop up where there are no military facilities available." Reardon added that, "It's a cost-sharing plan where CHAMPUS will pay a large percentage of medical bills incurred from civilian sources."

Reardon noted that aside from Oregon there are three other states that have one or no military medical care centers. These states are Nevada, Iowa, and Minnesota. He also pointed out that CHAMPUS can be used world-wide, with care given in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.

"This world-wide coverage has been put into effect because emergencies do arise even if you live around the block from a hospital," says Reardon. "People don't always have car accidents or heart attacks on post, so when these things arise they'e usually sent to one of the local facilities. San Francisco General Hospital is a good example. CHAMPUS benefits come in real handy in these situations."

All active duty dependants, retirees, and their dependants are eligible to use CHAMPUS if they have an I. D. Card. This list includes legally adopted children, stepchildren, widowers, and separated couples.

Children are defined by CHAMPUS as persons under the age of 21. However, the program covers students up to the age of 23 when they are enrolled in an approved college or university, carrying at least 12 credit hours, **and** are dependent upon their parents for more than 50 percent of their support.

There are also provisions for disabled dependents 21 years and older.

Those not eligible for CHAMPUS are divorcees of a service members, dependent children who are married, or who have their marriages annulled, and children who are put up for adoption.

How much does it pay?

Under the in-patient care plan CHAMPUS Beneficiaries are entitled to have 80 percent of their medical bills for "reasonable" charges paid by CHAMPUS.

"If a doctor charges a patient $60 for treatment and CHAMPUS considers the charge too high, it reserves the right to pay what it considers "reasonable." But usually the doctors and hospital rates are within what is considered fair rates," explains Reardon.

"It would be easier to talk about what isn't covered than to talk about what is covered by CHAMPUS," said the CHAMPUS advisor, referring to the great list of treatments available.

Treatments not covered by CHAMPUS includes eye and ear examinations, regular health check-ups, routine physical examinations, immunizations (except for the rabies series), diagnostic tests not related to the patients illness or injury, and "stop smoking" and weight loss programs.

Abortions, while not generally allowed may be covered in cases of rape, incest, or when the pregnancy will have a grave impact on the mothers' life.

Also not covered by CHAMPUS is dental care, marriage and family counseling, and care that is not medically necessary.

Some of the lesser known medical coverage which can be covered by CHAMPUS include family planning, rehabilitative alcoholism treatments, chemotherapy, as well as cosmetic, reconstructive and/or plastic surgery.

Plastic surgery, however, is authorized only to restore body form after an accident, to correct a congenital defect such as hermaphroditism, or to revise scars resulting from cancer surgery. It is also authorized if the patient will benefit psychologically from the surgery.

Special assistance

CHAMPUS provides special assistance for active duty families who have physical handicapped or mentally retarded members.

Reardon said that to qualify for help under the program, the handicapped individual must meet all the standards of regular CHAMPUS eligibility as well as other criteria.

According to the CHAMPUS guidelines the handicapped individual must have one or more of the following disorders: severe conditions of vision impairment, deafness, epilepsy, respiratory diseases, bone diseases, diabetes, cerebral palsy or injury. Also included are advanced Parkinsons' disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, or Huntingtons' disease.

Mental retardation is generally considered by CHAMPUS as anyone with an I. Q. between 36 and 51. Severe retardation is rated for those individuals with I.Q. below 36.

CHAMPUS has special rates of coverage for care of these individuals, depending on pay grade. For example; an E-1 must only pay $25 per month for a childs treatment under this program whereas an 0-10 pays $250.

However, CHAMPUS will only pay a maximum of $350 per month for special care and any run-overs must be paid by the parent.

The exception to this rule is when a family has two or more handicapped or retarded members. When this occurs the parent only pays the price of one and CHAMPUS assumes the cost of the others.

Pay deductible

The only costs of using CHAMPUS at civilian medical facilities is the 20 percent not paid by CHAMPUS plus a yearly deductible of $50 per person or $100 per family for each year on outpatient care.

These deductibles are paid on the first charges of each year. This means that if you went to an emergency room and was charged $57 you would have to pay $50 plus 20 percent of the remaining $7. Then if you went to the emergency room a second time you would only pay the 20 percent of the fee.

CHAMPUS aides the retired military community and their dependents in the very same fashion as the active duty personnel, but the costs of services varies.

For officers, enlisted and dependents in retired status, CHAMPUS will pay 75 percent of all "reasonable" charges incurred at both military and civilian hospitals.

How do you file?

Claim forms must be filled out every time active duty dependents or retired military receive medical attention to ensure reimbursement. Many civilian doctors and hospitals keep a supply of CHAMPUS claim forms, but in case there are none available these forms can be obtained from the nearest CHAMPUS Advisor/Health Benefits Advisor located at a military medical facility.

The forms can also be obtained from a CHAMPUS contractor, or from OCHAMPUS, Denver, Colorado, 80240.

These claims can be sent to the CHAMPUS contractor in the state or country the medical care was received.

When using a civilian hospital, be sure to include a non-availability statement (DD form 1251), which is required if the claim is for non-emergency in-patient care and the patient resides within 40 miles of a uniform service hospital. Include also the deductible statement of the current year so that it is not recharged with the new claim.

These claims must also be accompanied by a

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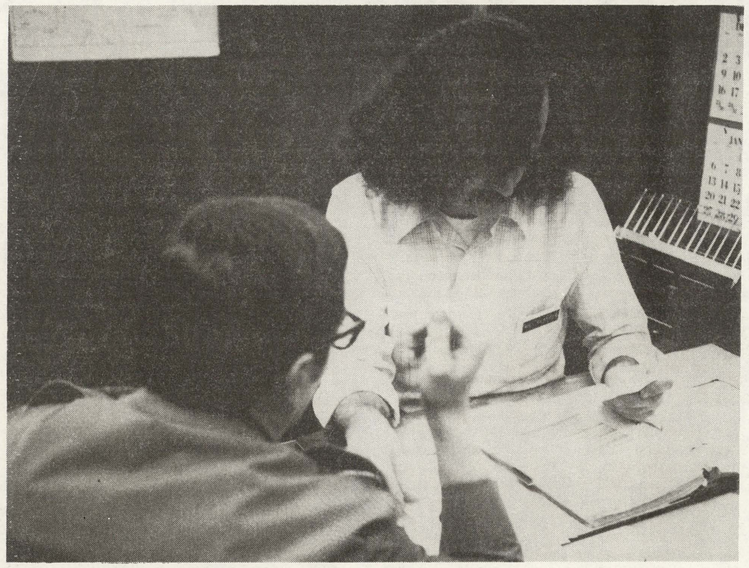
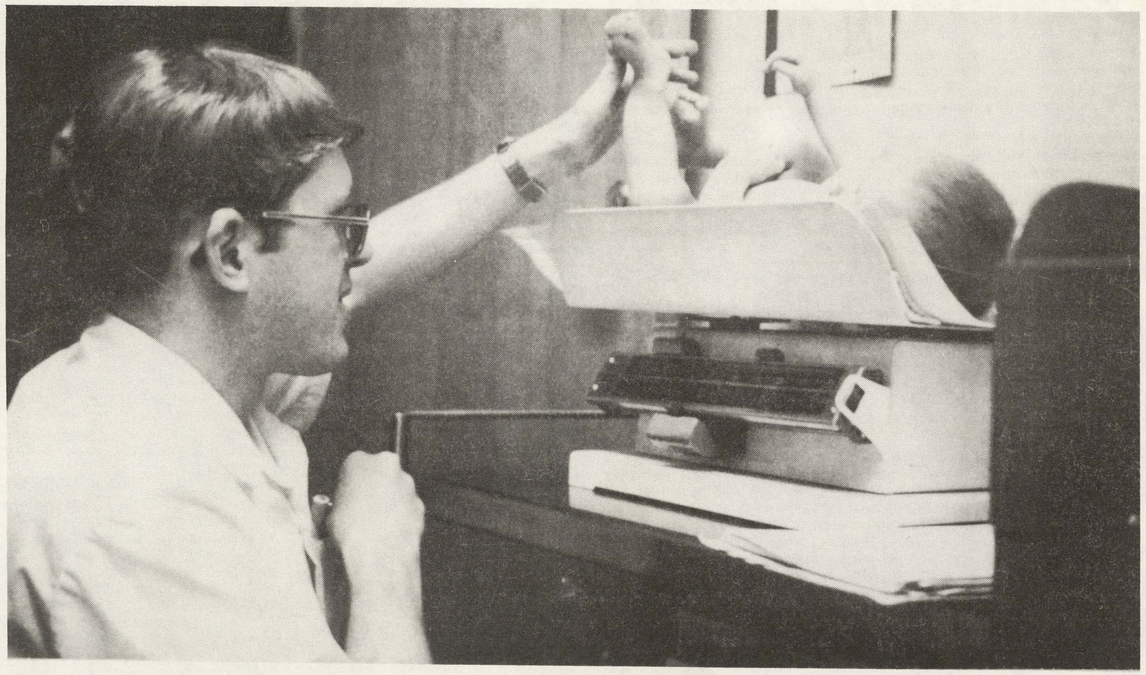


Let me explain

Mr. Bill Reardon, CHAMPUS advisor at LAMC, explains the program to an active duty sponsor. Reardon is available Monday through Friday to help anyone using the program. (Photo by Tom Donaghy)



Worth his weight in care

Sp4 Doug Townsend, a clinical specialist, weighs Patrick Tiernan as part of his duties in LAMC's Pediatrics clinic. Although these services are available and free to Presidio dependents, some soldiers may find themselves or their families in areas where there is no uniformed services hospital close by. In these cases CHAMPUS is available to help cover such care. (Photo by Tom Tiernan)

CHAMPUS fraud

Users may be unknowing participants in criminal acts

by Tom Tiernan

Some CHAMPUS beneficiaries may be guilty of helping to defraud the government and many may not even know it.

According to Mr. Bill Reardon, LAMC CHAMPUS advisor, a lack of knowledge about the program is the main factor behind individuals being unwillingly involved in efforts to get even on the government.

One common way the government may be defrauded occurs when the doctor rewords the services he provided to indicate those which may be covered by CHAMPUS.

Reardon, offered this example: "A dependent goes to a private physician who performs some chiropractic service which is not covered by CHAMPUS, but may write up the bill to read orthopedic consultation and physical therapy."

Turn in ID cards

Sponsors could find themselves unwillingly involved in fraud if they fail to turn in their wives' ID card following a divorce and the ex-wife uses the ID card to get medical care under CHAMPUS.

Students over age 21 who are full-ptime students but do not depend upon the sponsor for 50 percent or more of their support are not entitled to CHAMPUS coverage and could be guilty of fraud if they seek medical care uner the plan.

Coverage under other health plans may affect the way CHAMPUS shares cost. Not understanding how these programs affect one another may also lead to unintentional fraud.

Insurance programs that offer the same benefits as CHAMPUS such as Blue Cross, which are purchased through employment generally "pay first" meaning their benefits are used before those of CHAMPUS.

According to Reardon, it is possible that by using Blue Cross to pay their portion, and CHAMPUS to pay the remaining portion, a sponsor may not have to pay anything for the medical care.

When insurance designed to supplement CHAMPUS, such as plans purchased through the Retired Officers Association, and AUSA, are held by the beneficiary, CHAMPUS benefits are used first and the supplement insurance may be applied against the unpaid portion.

MEDICARE

Reardon points out that persons who reach age 65 are no longer eligible for CHAMPUS and must use MEDICARE. In addition, individuals who are disabled for 24 months and receive social security disability insurance during this period also become eligible for MEDICARE and lose the CHAMPUS coverage.

Failure to report other insurance coverage or filing for double payment is illegal and could be interpreted as attempts to defraud the government.

Doctors, hospitals or other facilities which participate in the plan, may not waiver the patients percentage of the fee, explained Reardon. "For example, if a doctor charges a beneficiary $1000 and the deductible has been paid, CHAMPUS will pay $800. The doctor may not tell the patient that he will accept just the payment from CHAMPUS. He must bill the patient for the remaining $200."

Pay only 20%

On the other hand, Reardon advises sponsors, that they only have to pay 20 or 25 percent of those charges found reasonable by CHAMPUS." If the agency finds that only $800 of an $1000 bill are reasonable charges, CHAMPUS will pay $640 and the sponsor pays only $160."

"By signing the CHAMPUS claim form, the doctor or hospital has agreed to participate in the program and to accept what CHAMPUS determines to be reasonable charges," Reardon explained.

"If the doctor bills the patient for the other $200 he may be guilty of defrauding the government. But in any case the sponsor does not have to pay the remaining sum," Reardon continued.

Other areas where fraud may occur includes charging CHAMPUS for free services, or for treatment not authorized such as weight reduction or medical care from family members.

According to Reardon, CHAMPUS beneficiaries who are in automobile accidents and who sue for hospital bills and then place a claim with CHAMPUS may find the agency asking for their money back. Or trouble knocking at their door.

Know the law

The back of each CHAMPUS form reads as follows: "Federal laws provide for criminal penalties for knowingly submitting or making any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or claim in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States. Examples of fraud include situations where ineligible persons knowingly use an unauthorized Identification Card in filing for a CHAMPUS claim; or where providers submit claims for treatment, supplies, or equipment not rendered to or used for the beneficiaries; or where a participating provider bills the beneficiary/patient (or sponsor) for amounts over the CHAMPUS-determined reasonable charge or where a beneficiary patient (or sponsor) fails to disclose other medical benefits or health insurance coverage."

Reardon suggests that beneficiaries read this statement and become familiar with CHAMPUS rules and regulations to help prevent their becoming unknowing participants in fraud.

"Of course the beneficiary can't stop others from doing illegal acts, but he can certainly become aware of how to prevent his own participation in unwilling or even unknowing fraud," Reardon concludes.

Off Post

A mass of red poinsettias, a whole roomful in fact, are now on display for the holiday season at the **Conservatory in Golden Gate Park.**

Interspersed among the brilliantly colored plants are white, pink, red and marble poinsettias and early blooming cyclamen.

The display which can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. daily will remain at the Conservatory until January 4.

The Conservatory is the oldest building in Golden Gate Park and is a national, state and vivil engineering landmark. It is located on John F. Kennedy Dr. between the Arguello Boulevard and the Sixth Avenue entrances.

"The Wizard of Oz will be performed on **Saturday, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Attic Theatre of the Legion of Honor** in Lincoln Park. The play will be repeated next Saturday too.

An exhibit of **Chinese objects** can be seen in the **Asian Art Museum** in Golden Gate Park beginning at 10 a.m.

Also on **Sunday at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., see the f"Christmas Star"** in the Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park.

The final performances of **Brigadoon** will be held this weekend at the San Francisco State University's McKenna Theatre. The musical can be seen at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call the University at 469-2467.

"Flying Blind", a drama of present day turmoil in Northern Ireland by Irish playwright Bill Morrison, will make its west coast premiere **Dec. 12-15 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theatre** in the Creative Arts Building on the San Francisco State University campus. The theatre is located at 1600 Holloway Avenue and the performance is free to the public.

A tour to view the Christmas decorations around the city of San Francisco is scheduled for **Dec. 20,** *leaving the Presidio Recre*ation Center at **6:30 p.m.** A $2 deposit reserves a seat on a motorized Cable Car. Priority for the tour is for active duty soldiers and their dependents. Reserve and retired personnel will be seated on a space available basis.

Discount tickets for the ballet **"Nutcracker"** are available for the performances on Dec. 17, 18 and 27 at 8 p.m. The seats are located in the dress circle area of the Opera house and cost $11.

On the ski scene, **Alpine Meadows** offers a discount ski lift ticket to military personnel and their dependents for $10. The ticket is good Sunday through Friday. These tickets as well as discount tickets for the ski lift at **Tahoe Donner** may be picked up at the Recreation Center's ITT office. The Tahoe Donner offer is good Monday through Friday between Jan. 2, 1980 and March 1980 for $8.

Christmas ballet

Raggedy Ann and her Teddy Bear friend dance together during the ballet "Twas' the Night Before Christmas." The ballet, sponsored by the Alamo School, will be performed Dec. 15 and 16 at 1 p.m. in the George Washington High Shool Auditorium at 32nd Avenue and Geary Boulevard. (Photo courtesy of the Alamo School)

Wrapping service to help four Presidio groups

Four post organizations wil be receiving an extra Christmas gift from the Presidio exchange system, but the members of the groups will have to work for it.

According to Ms. Sandy Bourne, Presidio exchange manager, the Army Community Service, Lettermen Women's Club, the Presidio Officer's Wives' Club and the Enlisted Men's Wives' Club will 'wrap-up' the proceeds from the exchange's Christmas gift wrapping service.

Volunteers from these organizations are currently available to wrap gifts at the customer return desk, at the front of the main PX. These ladies will work through Dec. 24 to insure that all Santa's gifts are wrapped and ready to be put under the tree.

The wrapping shop will be open during the main stores holiday hours which begin on Monday. The new hours will be as follows: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Saturday 9:30 until 5 p.m., and Sunday noon until 5 p.m.

The Presidio exchange will provide the ladies with space to operate the booth and all the wrapping paper, ribbon, and bows they need.

CHAMPUS provides care

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fully itemized bill for services, supplies. This document must contain the name and address of sponsor and patient, diagnosis or symptom description, and the bills for drugs, showing the name and strength of medication.

All claims must be submitted to the local CHAMPUS advisor no later than Dec. 31 of the following year in which the services were received. In other words,, if medical attention was received today the claim does not have to be filed until Dec. 31, 1980.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries should be careful when submitting claims if they have health insurance coverage under another program.

According to Reardon, individuals who have health insurance programs through their place of employment, such as Blue Cross, must file with that agency before filing with CHAMPUS.

Once Blue Cross or another insurance agency settles the claim, then the beneficiary may file with CHAMPUS for the remainder of the bill.

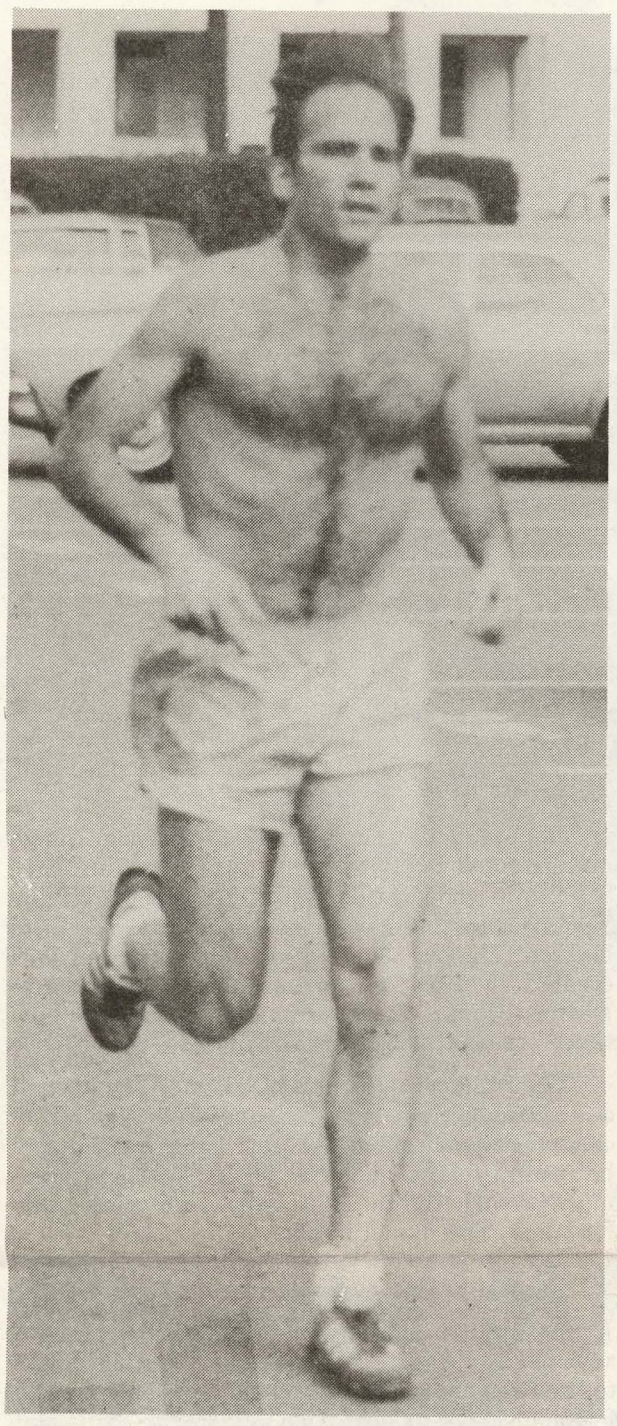
Individuals who have supplemental insurance may file with CHAMPUS first and then with the supplemental company to cover the uncovered portion of the bill. Similarly, persons who are privately enrolled in health programs, where they pay the premiums, may also use CHAMPUS first.

"I warn beneficiaries who have CHAMPUS and a similar civilian plan that are not supplemental, that they can get into trouble if they file two claims," states Reardon.

Reardon states that there are lots of rules and regulations reguarding CHAMPUS and advises everyone to contact the nearest Health Benefits Counselor before using the program to get all the needed information.

"CHAMPUS can be quite helpful when its used properly," concluded Reardon.

Sports



Home flight

Peter Christ heads for home in the recent post cross country championships. Christ finished first with a time of 17:49. (Photo by Karl Gaffney)

Christ wins race

Under calm skies and crisp weather, 50 hearty runners took part in the annual Post Cross-Country Championships. Exciting action took place over the rugged 5,000 meter course (3.1 miles).

The course was a graded uphill climb for the first part and then sped downhill and flat to the finish at Post Gym No. 1. Beautiful scenery prevailed over this true cross-country course.

An experienced newcomer to our Presidio, Peter Christ-LAMC, surged to a huge lead over the first half of the route and eased into a comfortable 17:49 victory. He previously ran for Villanova in his college days.

Christ's closest pursuer was Tom Nemeth (LAIR) who ran the course at 18:18 and improved over two minutes from last year. Nemeth upset some higher rated runners and is rapidly improving.

The women's race was won handily by last year's winner Becky La Bissioniere (LAIR). Was a time of 25:19. The runner-up position was taken by Alison Jones (LAIR) with a time of 26:45.

Other male age group winners were:
Jim Moore (LAIR), 19:01
Reggie Humdy (LAMC), 19:52
Michael McConnel (LAMC), 22:00
Paul Jennings (LAIR), 23:22.

Are you a boxer?

The **1980 FORSCOM boxing tournament** will be held **Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 1980** at Ft. Hood. Anyone interested in competing at post level should contact Jim Ragasa at the Fort Scott gym at 561-5328.

Commander's Trophy

The Letterman Army Institute of Research is once again the champions of the Commander's Sports Participation Trophy. The award is presente annually to the unit that accumulates the most participation points at the end of the fiscal year.

Tennis tourney set

Presidio tennis club will hold a double tournament planned for Dec. 15. The fun-day tournament will be different from those of the past because players will have the same partners throughout the entire tournament. For more information or registration call Ralph Cruikshank at 561-3023.

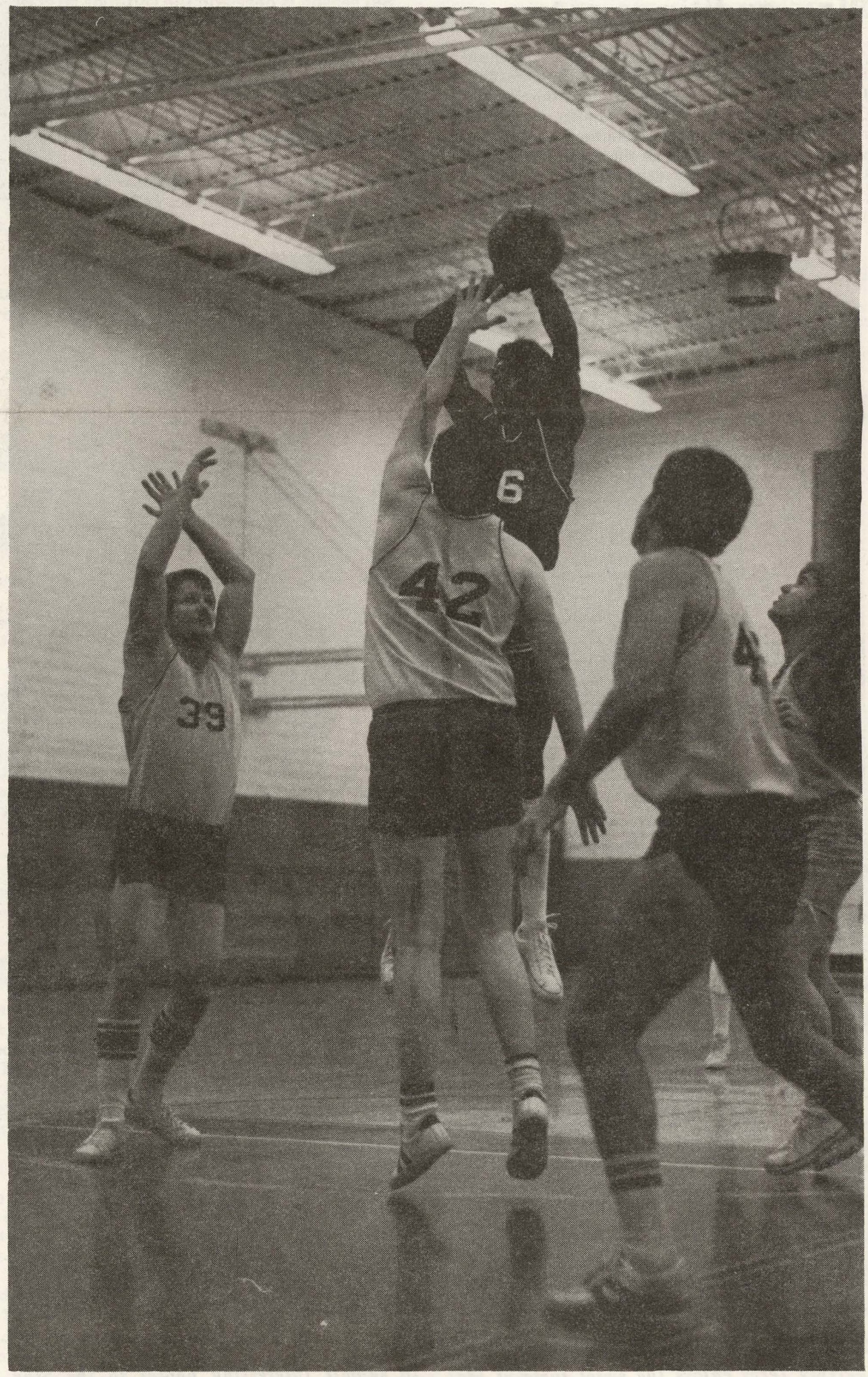
The club will hold its next meeting Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. in Hafmon Hall.

Engineers are champs

The intramural soccer league was recently concluded with the top four teams engaging in a play-off to determine the Post Champion. After all the battles were over, the **51st Engineers** emerged as the victors.

Racquetball tourney

The Presidio Sports Branch will conduct a Christmas Racquetball Tournament, Dec. 17-23. The tournament is open to active duty military and their dependents, and DAC's. For further information call 561-4120/5032 or come to the Post Gym No. 1, building No. 63.



Heads above the rest

Calvin Black of the USACC team leaps above his opponent and sends the ball toward the basket during the post intramural basketball action. (Photo by Karl Gaffney)

Presidio News Notes

Presidians give

After a nationwide plea for the relief of thousands of starving Cambodians, military churchgoers at the Presidio and Hamilton Air Force Base gave generously to the cause.

Many agencies have been established and designated as points of contact for the purpose of alleviating the plights of the Cambodian people. The Protestant community of the Presidio held a designated collection recently for the much publicized situation. Their collection amounted to $972.79. They canceled their money through the World Vision association.

The Catholic community at Hamilton AFB donated $465 in response to a call from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

One source stated that $466 was the cost of air dropping one ton of rice to the devastated population.

Play auditions set

Tryouts for **"Purlie Victorious,"** by Ossie Davis, will be held at the Presidio Playhouse on Dec. 15 from 1-5 p.m. and on Dec. 16 from 6-9 p.m. Casting calls for three black women, two black men, and four white men. Character types are varied and ages range from the early twenties to late sixties or early seventies.

Tryouts are open to anyone interested, and past acting experience is not required. Those interested should call 561-3992 during duty hours for a specific tryout time on one of the above dates.

"Purple Victorious" is a bright **comedy spoof** of Dixie, and will be presented by the Presidio Players. It will open on February 15 at the Playhouse, in conjunction with Black History Week.

Christmas concert set

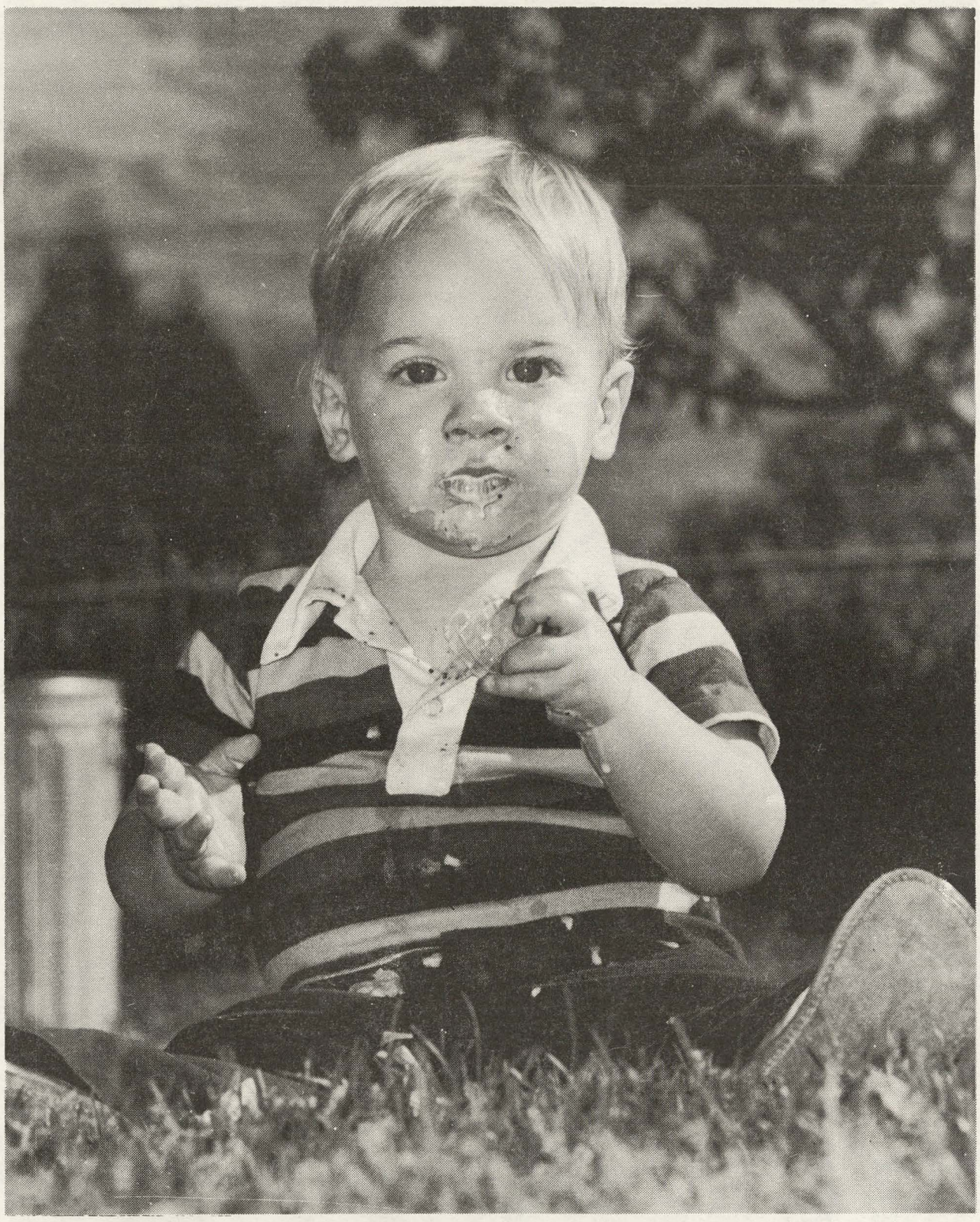
The Sixth United States Army Band will present a free concert of Christmas music at the Palace of Fine Arts, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. The program will include selections from "The Nutcracker Suite," "O Holy Night," "March of the Toys," and "A Christmas Festival." Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Skis for rent

Ski season is here and the Outdoor Recreation Center has a wide variety of equipment such as skis, boots, and poles. The center also has other outdoor equipment available **for rent. For more information call 561-4356.**

Nimbus returns

The popular rock group **"Nimbus" returns to the Recreation Center Dec. 22 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.**



Enjoying an ice cream cone

Jeremy Terry enjoys the sweet taste of his first ice cream cone. The picture was shot by his father, Don, and was selected as the photo of the week. All Presidians photographers, both amateur and professional, are welcomed to submit interesting photos to the Star Presidian for consideration. No monetary awards are given, just our thanks for sharing your work with us and our readers. Deadline for submissions is noon on Tuesday.

Home tour planned

On Dec. 13 the Letterman Wome's club offers **"Christmas on O'Reilly",** an open house tour of three pre-earthquake officer's quarters on O'Reilly Street, 1000, 1001A, and 1003A. The quarters will be open for you and your guests to tour, to view and to learn of the early history of the Presidio.

A Christmas tree boutique will offer distinctive tree ornaments, holiday wares and gifts. Refreshments will be served at each home. Everyone is welcome to join our open house, so bring your friends and family.

Tickets will be sold at each house to view all three homes:
$3.00 per person
$1.00 if in uniform

Wilderness concert set

"The Wilderness Concert," a multi-media production of "Dance Based on Themes of the American Wilderness," will be presented at the Presidio Playhouse Dec. 6, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.

The production was created, choreographed, and directed by Bob Stuart Murphy, Sundance Studio, in cooperation with The National Park Service and the special assistance of Yosemite Natural History Association. The program was created in 1976, for presentation in Yosemite National Park, where it has been in performance there seasonally since that time.

"The Wilderness Concert" is a fully staged dance production. It is a clearly and powerfully conceived dance theatre, created in an attempt to help reunite the modern urban American community with its rich historical and wilderness heritage. The dance is placed in context with a spectacular yet subtle panoramic media presentation of High Sierra wilderness.

The program is now being presented in selected Bay Area locations, and is being brought to the Presidio under the auspices of The Presidio Playhouse, in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Free tickets will be available at the Playhouse Box Office from 1-5 p.m. daily except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances

College night

All college age dependents of Presidio personnel are invited to a **casual evening** of refreshments and dancing on **Dec. 22** beginning at 8 p.m. For more information call 561-2783, 3469 or 4379 by Dec. 19 if interested in attending.

Office has moved

The Procurement and Contract Office of DIO has moved to building 650 on the second floor. The office was situated in building 1165. All phone numbers remain the same.

Open season

The Health Benefits Open Season for Presidio civilian personnel has been extended. CPO will continue to receive registration forms until Dec. 14, 1979.

Club helps CVC

The Presidio Tennis Club recently held a number of events, including a doubles tournament, to raise money for the Combined Federal Campaign. When the last ball had bounced the group had raised $100.

Basketball underway

The **1979 post intramural basketball season** is underway with 17 teams participating.

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Briefly

Clothing allowance hike

An increase in clothing allowance rates has been approved by DoD, according to Army finance officials.

The increase is retroactive to Oct. 1 and officials anticipate Presidio soldiers should receive the hike in their December end of month pay.

The monthly **Basic Maintenance Allowance** for **male soldiers** has increased, from **$5.10 to $5.70** and from **$6.90 to $7.50 for women.** Soldiers begin receiving this allowance after their first six months of service.

The monthly **Standard Clothing Allowance** which soldiers begin receiving after three years service is increasing from **$7.20 to $8.10 for men,** and from **$9.90 to $10.80 for women.**

New rates have also been set for civilian clothing allowances authorized soldiers on special assignments requiring civilian clothing. These soldiers receive a one time "lump sum" payment in addition to the regular monthly allowance.

Soldiers authorized an allowance for both winter and summer civilian clothing will now receive $627 instead of $580. Those receiving an allowance for either winter or summer civilian clothing will now receive $405 instead of $375.

The civilian clothing allowance for soldiers on TDY for more than 15 days, when authorized, will go from $215 to $232.

January promotions set

More than 9,500 soldiers will have good reason to celebrate the new year. That's the number of soldiers the army plans to promote January 1.

The following are planned promotions, by grade, for January 1.

Grade	Jan. 1, 1980	Sequence Number
06	64	328
05	172	647
04	222	1057
03	500	2777
W4	24	174
W3	61	467
E9	54	882
E8	370	1948
E7	885	5800
E6	2090	
E5	7992	5076

E5 and E6 promotion lists are maintained locally.

Some hikes sooner

Some officers and enlisted soldiers may get to wear their next rank earlier than they expected.

For soldiers whose promotion date falls on a weekend or national holiday, the promotion ceremony may now be held on the last duty day before the effective date of the promotion, MILPERCEN officials announced this week.

Although the ceremony may be held early, the promotion does not become effective until the date on the promotion orders, the official added. The early ceremony will not affect the soldier's pay or seniority.

In addition, officials stressed, the soldier must be in a promotable status on the effective date of the promotion. A soldier's ceremony, for example, may be held on a Friday because the effective date is a Sunday. If on Friday night the soldier is involved in a car accident and is arrested and the case is pending an investigation, he would not be in a promotable status Sunday and the promotion would not legally take effect.

This early ceremony policy does not change the 'frocking' provisions in AR 624-100, officials added.

No word on LAMC

Presidio spared

By Tom Tiernan and Pete Britten

An 18 month study into the possible closure or realignment of the Presidio came to a close Monday when the Department of the Army announced it would retain the post "in the status quo."

The announcement, however, did not provide any information on the future of Letterman Army Medical Center. According to officials in the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs for the Secretary of the Army, LAMC's status is still under review.

The realignment study, which was opposed by San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and a number of citizen groups, considered moving Headquarters, Sixth Army to the Naval Support Activity at Treasure Island, and other post activities to Oakland Army Base and Forts Ord and Lewis.

Many attempts

Since its establishment in 1776, the Presidio has been the subject of numerous studies and proposals regarding its closure or realignment.

In the 1780s a spanish military inspector recommended the post be abandoned because of the poor climate, earthquakes, and insufficient financial support. But Spain kept the Presidio until California came under Mexican rule.

In the 1830s, the Mexican commandant transferred his troops to Sonoma where the climate was more favorable to raising cattle and crops. During this period, the civilians living around the Presidio stole building materials, and the old dilapidated adobe buildings began to deteriorate. These conditions caused the commandant to recommend that the Presidio's land be made available for sale, but there were no bidders.

As Mexican authority waned in the 1840s, the Presidio regained attention with the arrival of John C. Fremont and Christopher "Kit" Carson. In 1847, a major repair operation began when Col. Jonathan Stevenson arrived with the New York volunteers.

Two Executive Orders in late 1850 and 1851 changed the landscape of the Presidio. The 1851 order in particular, partitioned the post's lands into two plots, one which developed into Fort Mason, and the other became the present installation and Fort Point.

Headquarters move

During this transition, the Pacific Coast military headquarters was shifted to California's provisional capital, Benicia. The move decreased the prestige and importance of the post to the point that the Secretary of War ordered the garrison withdrawn in 1854. The appearance of squatters caused the local commander to order two companies of soldiers back to the post to protect the government's claims.

The Civil War revitalized interest in the Presidio but its end lead to another re-evaluation of the post's existence. In 1870 the Senate introduced a bill to make the post a public park. The measure was defeated, with claims from Army engineers that the post's barracks were necessary to house soldiers to guard the Golden Gate against attack.

In 1886 and 1887 the Presidio commander proposed to relocate the garrisons and facilities from Angel Island and Fort Mason to the post, but the proposal was turned down by the War Department.

The 1906 earthquake and fire proved the value of the Presidio and the Army in natural disaster assistance. The post commander proposed to the War Department an expansion of the installation's facilities which lead to the building of Fort Scott.

In 1946, the Presidio was highly favored as a possible site for the international headquarters of the United Nations. But, because of a $300 million cost to replace the installation the proposal was rejected. Also at that time, the Sixth Army Headquarters was established here.

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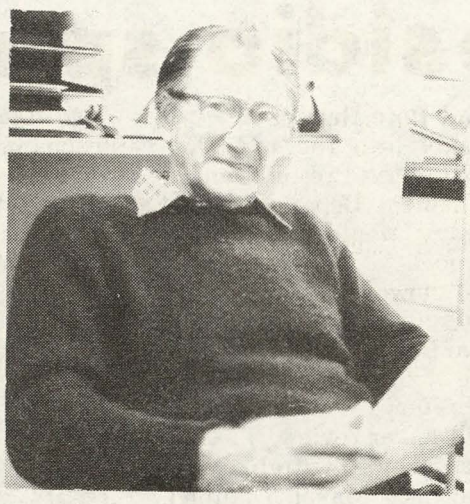
Nice of you to stop by

Maj. Thomas A. Bigley, scratches his head in wonderment after finding this automobile in the front door of the new Army Reserve Center at Camp Parks. Fortunately the driver of the car escaped unharmed. All Presidians are asked to drive carefully during the upcoming holiday season as well as all year long. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Lou Brown of the Tri-Valley Herald)

Ramblin' Sam

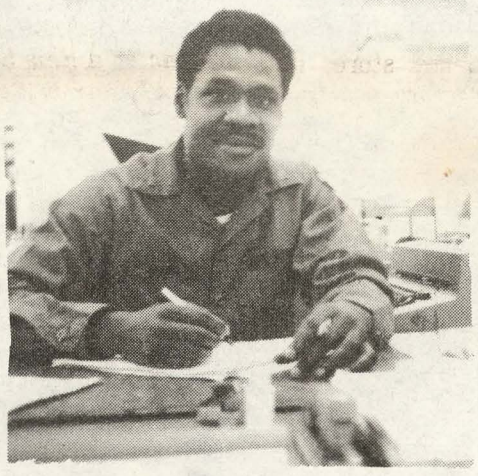
How can you help your country?

Mr. Don Miller, COMPACT— "The prime thing is to get involved with a political party and vote according to your beliefs, not just because you are a republican or democrat. The big thing is to get out and vote.



Miss Marie Womack-McCallum, COMPACT—"By supporting what is right, and by helping those that need help.

SP4 Eugene Sparrow, USAG—"I help by being as courteous as possible to the people of this country."



SP4 Carla Maxwell, COMPACT— "I am helping my country."

Maj. Joe Czuberki, Adjutant—"By participating. You can help your country by voting. If you feel something isn't right express your opinion to elected officials: mayors, congressman. . ."

"I know I'm talking to myself, Dear. It's the only way to get an intelligent non-military conversation around here."

Command Time

The good news from Washington that the Presidio will continue to be a major Army installation renews our sense of purpose.

The job uncertainty for Presidio's civilian employees can now be put to rest. **Long-delayed projects to improve the post, such as new troop barracks and a new commissary can start the long process needed to get approval.**

The good news from Washington is also a challenge for each of us. We must now look ahead and see how we can make working and living at the Presidio even better.

The announcement of the Presidio remaining open comes at a time when the Chief of Staf of the Army has expressed his concern for the renewed importance of the Army's Reserve Components.

Our active forces rely on Reserve support in the event of war. **Here at the Presidio, our chief mission is to support Sixth Army headquarters and the Reserve units in this area.**

Everything we do from our peace time preparations for a wartime emergency to our actions in the event of mobilization are an important contribution to our nation's defense. **And our fellow citizens expect us to do the very best job we can.**

With the fog of uncertainty lifted from the Presidio, we can now turn with confidence to finding better ways of helping the units and the people we serve.

Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr.

Reader Opinion

Dear Editor,

There's a problem here at the Presidio that apparently has not been addressed. So I'm taking this opportunity to do so, before we are faced with mugging, rapes, robberies, or perhaps murders.

I'm a newly assigned member to this installation and **I already fear the lack of proper lighting on this post.** To exemplify this, I'm enrolled in night college courses at the education center which ends at 9 p.m. The designated parking areas for the education center are surrounded by shrubbery which enclose the walk way and magnifies the darkness, thus, intensifying my fears and I'm quite sure fear of others. **There are no lights.**

In the back of my mind I recall the inprocessing M.P.'s briefing where they told me that this post has the highest rate of crime/vandalism than any other installation in the U. S.

I think this problem should be rectified immediately before additional statistics are added to the M. P. 's blotter report.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Gwen Goldbeck

We at DFAE are aware of the lighting problem. However, efforts to replace burned out street lamps have been hampered by a lack of bulbs in our supply channels. We have placed an emergency order with DIO and as soon as the lamps are received, we will make a special effort to look into this area.

Lt. Col. Don F. Svendsen
Facilities Engineer

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Realignment decision could mean new commissary and barracks complex

by Tom Tiernan

Now that the Army has decided to retain the Presidio as a major installation, plans are underway to obtain approval for several projects designed to **improve life on post.**

According to Larry Landon, chief of master planning at DFAE, the 18 month realignment study has been an obstacle to plans to build a new barracks complex and commissary.

Landon explained that the post had requested approval for construction of the new barracks complex to begin during the current fiscal year, but when the realignment study was announced, the plan was postponed.

"Now it looks like we might get approval for construction during fiscal year 1983" states Landon. But he cautions, "the project could be delayed again if another realignment study is undertaken."

Plans call for the new barracks complex to consist of 18 modules similar to the three currently houseing some Letterman Army Medical Center soldiers.

The complex, to be located alongside the LAMC barracks between Lincoln Blvd. and Gorgas St., will house 819 bachelor enlisted soldiers in all grades and will have a dining facility with the capability to feed 1000 persons.

The modules, usually three stories high, will consist of a group of rooms sharing a **large lounge area.** The individual rooms will house from **one to three soldiers** depending upon their rank and will have **a private bath.**

In order to build the new complex, plans currently call for Thompson Hall to be demolished. Landon says that attempts will be made to preserve the building, however.

"Since Thompson Hall is used to provide housing for families of critically ill patients at LAMC, it would be hard to find another building that close to the hospital," Landon explains.

Once construction begins on the complex, it will take about six months before the first module is ready for occupancy. According to Landon, soldiers will begin moving into the barracks as soon as they are completed.

Soldiers assigned to Headquarters Company, USAG, Letterman Army Medical Center, and the 504th MP Battalion will live in this centralized area once completed.

The buildings these units abandon will be converted to permanent office space for agencies such as COMPACT and CPO which are currently housed in temporary wooden frame buildings.

Landon revealed that one possible use for the buildings at Fort Scott might be to house the classrooms and students of the Defense Topographic and Mapping School.

"The post has applied to be considered as a possible site for the school," Landon explains. The Defense Topographic school is currently located there.

Another long sought after project which may soon become a reality is a new commissary store.

According to Landon a **new commissary** for the Presidio has been given top priority for the past seven years. The project is also included in the Troop Support Agency's five year construction plan.

Langdon states that the post hopes to convince the FORSCOM Facilities Review Board, which meets in February or March 1980, to recommend construction of the commissary to begin in fiscal year 1981.

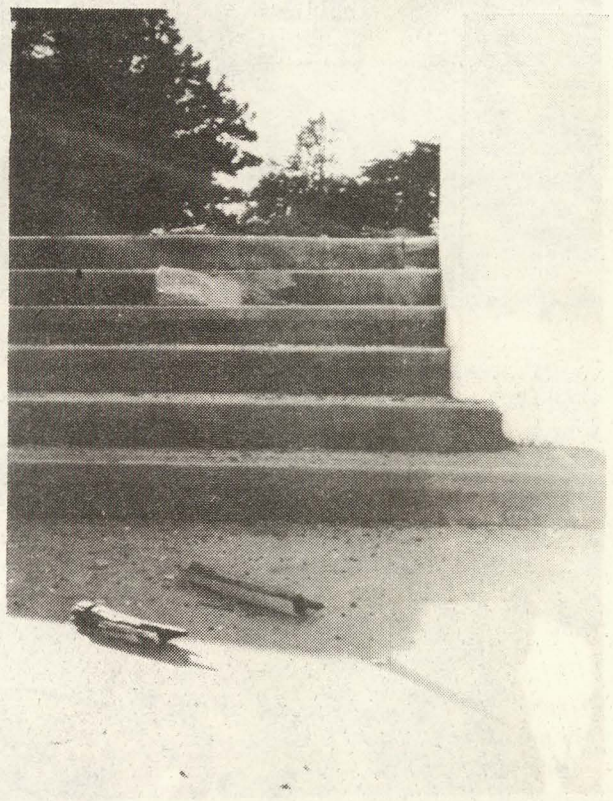
Once the project is approved, funds raised by the commissary surcharge will be used to build the facility.

The new commissary will be located in the current shopping center complex. The Four Seasons Store will be demolished with its services moved either into the main PX or into an addition to the Main PX. The decision on where to relocate the Four Seasons has also been held up by the realignment study and will soon be under consideration at AAFES headquarters.

Once construction begins on the store, it should take about nine months before patrons will be shopping within its walls.

The addition of the commissary to the PX complex will be the first step toward the completion of a modern shopping mall which also includes a post office, Clothing Sales Store and a package beverage shop.

Throughout its history the Presidio has undergone many changes and as it moves into the 1980s it will acquire a new and modern look which blends with its Spanish past.



Steps to no where

These steps are all that is left of building 67 which used to be located at the corner of Presidio and Lincoln Blvd. The building was recently demolished to make room for portions of a new barracks complex planned for fiscal year 1983. (Photo by Tom Tiernan)

A pretty girl is like a melody

March of Dimes poster child, Betsy Burch shares a laugh with Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer during a recent visit to the Pentagon. The March of Dimes is one of many organizations helped by the Combined Federal Campaign. (March of Dimes photo)

MPs handing out tickets

A random sampling of military and civilian personnel at the Presidio will be surveyed within the next few weeks on the changes that have occurred as the result of the recently imposed "pay-to-park" policy, according to Maj. William Vencill, headquarters commandant and coordinator of the program.

The survey is designed to determine the effect that the policy has had on the formation of additional carpools or increased the use of public transportation to and from work. "As of right now, we have no real handle on how things have changed," according to Vencill. "We've only been able to identify a few new carpools but we're sure that there are more."

Since the parking fee program went into effect, **military police have issued more than 170 citations** for violations of the reserved parking zones. According to Capt. Jim Carey, operations officer for the Provost Marshal's Office, it is also too early to see any trends in the changes in parking or driving patterns as a result.

"A first offense for parking in a reserved area without a permit will result in the issuance of a Department of Defense Form 1408 ticket. One copy of the form will be kept on file by the MPs with another sent to the commander or activity director of the individual concerned," continued Carey.

Presidio spared

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Between 1952 and 1958 the city of San Francisco sought to obtain land from the Presidio for use by the city and country. A 1958 survey, however, found that the Army was fully utilizing the post in terms of the diversity of its activities as well as current and future missions.

The status of full utilization was further enhanced by the Army's decision to expand Letterman Hospital and combining its facilities with Fort Ord. In spite of these facts, a city planning commission was organized in 1960 to draw up a contingency plan for Fort Mason and the Presidio if the military declared the lands as surplus.

The most serious threat to the Presidio's existence came in 1961 when the Executive Branch ordered that the post be either retained, curtailed or abandoned. This new Pentagon study included not only the Presidio but also Fort Mason.

The Presidio once again escaped but Fort Mason was ordered closed and most of its facilities have since been turned over to the National Park Service.

In 1971 the Department of the Army conducted another study of Bay Area military resources. Once again the Presidio was spared, except this time those lands considered excess had to be turned over to the newly created Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

This decision was based on the fact that the Presidio was designated as a registered national historic landmark in 1963 which required that all excess land be turned over to the National Park Service. Since that time Forts Chronkite, Barry and portions of Fort Baker and the Presidio have been turned over to the park service.

The 1971 study was the last look into the Presidio's future until last year.

At press time it was not known when a decision might be announced on the future of LAMC.

Presidio stars in movies, television, and commercials

You want me to do what?

Actor Chad Everett and actress Kim Cattrall act out their roles in the forthcoming series 'Hagen'. (Photo by Tina Juber)

by Ted Elisee

The streets of San Francisco have been a gold mine for the motion picture industry and so have the streets of the Presidio.

All over the world people have fantasized about a trip to the city, and so, the industry capitalizes on these fantasies by filming furiously all over this area.

The Presidio regularly grants permission for film crews to converge on its cliffs, playgrounds and streets for the purpose of providing pleasing and stimulating surroundings for the sale of a product or the production of a major show.

Usually, the shooting site permission is granted to the film crews, but it is emphatically pointed out that the U. S. Army cannot be mentioned in the sale of the product or even give the impression that the U. S. Government is endorsing the product.

Ads shot here

The commercials that have been filmed on the Presidio this year have covered a wide variety of products. One commercial used a home on Liggett Ave. to portray a house in the Philadelphia area! The commercial was encouraging the viewers to buy a major city newspaper. Because of the winter weather in Philadelphia, the commercial was shot here to insure that no snow would interfere with the filming.

Some other commercials that have been shot this year, highlighted two major soft drinks (one no-cal), a new car, a sportswear, and a national airline. These stints were shot on Presidio property and at Fort Baker.

Some major film and TV productions have also been shot here, too. The cast of **BJ and the Bear** selected the provost marshal office to film a jail scene earlier this year. Foster Brooks (often identified with an inebriated state) was on hand for the segment in which he portrays a Dracula-like character. Also on the set was John Carridine, Sr. and BJ himself.

Ft. Baker was the site for the filming of **'Serial,'** a new major motion picture, yet to be released. The film is about Marin County and stars Tuesday Weld, who was on hand for this particular segment.

Permission needed

The coordination for production work on the Presidio is not a simple one. The movie workers don't just show up the day of production and say—"Here we are!" The process begins by a letter request to the public affairs office, states Mr. Pete Britten of the public affairs office. "Usually, the request for filming on the Presidio comes a few weeks in advance. This gives us time to properly check out the script of the film and to see if what the company wants is reasonable. Then the request is passed to the director of facilities engineering, the staff judge advocate, the provost marshall, and of course, to the post commander."

The office of real estate is an integral part of the staffing for a film request. According to Ms. Fran Roberts, real estate office, the company must pay a fee for using the Presidio for filming. She added,

"My concern is real estate. As a request is processed, my job is to be sure that the land the crew is going to use is not damaged and of course, used correctly. One of the things I require is an insurance certificate, and of course assurance that the company will not make it appear that we are endorsing a product. The money that the crew provides us is sent to the U. S. Treasury. It is money that is collected for use of our real estate. This is not just a governmental policy. Many other agencies also collect money for use of land."

The provost marshals office is a key factor in making any filming request run smoothly. Without the help of the MPs, particularly the traffic section, no session could come out right. MP Staff Sergeant Larry Mitchell, commented, "The MPs role in film production is very important. It is our job to go to the site and make sure there is no danger to the members of the film crew. Also, we have to insure that the props used by the company do not provide a hazard to the Presidio and to the environment. Once we give the okay to film, our job is still not done. We meet all the vehicles in the convoy at one of the post gates on the day of the production. We escort them and help them set up. Also, we cooperate with the San Francisco Police in providing security. It's obvious that we have to control the amount of people who have access to the area." He points out that the MP's also route traffic during the set up and help stop the flow of traffic during the movement of the large vans during the departure of the crew.

The staff judge advocate acts as the Presidio's lawyer during the process of land provisions. Said Lt. Col. Harvey Kaplan, SJA, "Our main concern is protection of the image of the U. S. government and the U. S. Army. We make sure that the script will not lead anyone to believe that the government or the Army endorses a product. Also, we have to be sure that to people on the set and the area are protected. We do this by insisting that the film company has an insurance policy that names the company and the U. S. Government as insured individuals in case of accident. In essence, we want all parties protected.

What a perfect setting for a film set! The glitter of the cliffs, the fantasy of the city, the romance of major film stars, and one of the most popular stateside assignments in the world, are all rolled into one.

Don't be surprised if one day you turn on your TV set after a long day at work and see Chad Everett with Ft. Baker and Ft. Scott as a backdrop. (See related story on page 5).

Lights, action, camera

The crew from the soon to be seen series, "Hagen" film a scene on the Presidio near the Golden Gate Bridge. Several movies, TV programs, and commercials are filmed on the post each year because of its natural beauty and spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Dr. Gannon operates here

by Ted Elisee

The winds were flapping across the bay and the hair on the man's head was disheveled. Suddenly he reached forward and grasped the woman in front of him.

She clutched his waist and hugged him furiously. The tears started flowing from her eyes as he kissed her. Slowly he stepped away, his eyes never losing contact with hers.

"Cut!" showed the director. The two actors, Chad Everett, and Kim Cattrall smiled widely. The had just completed filming a scene for Everett's new TV series, Hagen. The film's location was our own Lincoln Boulevard, at Fort Scott.

Chad Everett, (formerly known as Raymon Lee Cramton) of Medical Center fame, walked quickly towards his private trailer. The wind was too much for him and he wanted to take a break to warm up.

Everett greeted me in his trailer cordially and invited me to sit down. I found myself blotting out the Dr. Gannon image that I had in my mind. He was not Dr. Gannon at all, but actually, tall athletic, and a woodsey individual.

He took the opportunity to speak even before I began interviewing him. He wanted to tell me about his impressions of the Marine hostages in Iran. Said Chad, "You know, I'm really proud of the bravery of these people, especially this one Marine I saw interviewed. He was really smart. He let everyone know that he was well trained. He was using his time well, too. He's actually trying to learn some Persian."

The 42 year old actor was born in Indiana and later moved to Michigan. He obtained his degree at Michigan State, and served eight years in the Naval Reserve. Everett was adamant about people taking the opportunity to serve their country. "I've always been a committed person, he said. "Anything I do, I really put myself into it. The Navy was part of me and I did it because I wanted too. Hey, there was even a time when I was on a ship headed for Cuba! We were called back, but we were on our way."

The actor was called back to the set for another scene. The crew was the clowning type. They loaded him on the bak of a police motorcycle and put on the siren and flashed the lights. He smiled broadly and waved to the crew. The take was a quick one and he returned to his interview with enthusiasm.

He expressed interest in the photo equipment that was being used by military photographers Ken and Tina Juber. They showed him their cameras and he gave some pointers. With a smile he commented, "I've been in this business a long time. I really get into this stuff."

The Golden Globe Award winner, settled back into his chair as he answered the question—"How have you managed to overcome the Dr. Gannon, Medical Center image?" Said Everett, "You know, I've really been lucky. The industry has recognized my talents and has given me plenty of roles since Joe Gannon. And you know, I really don't know if I have to get over that image. Sure, people see Gannon on the screen, but eventually they see the other role, too. Every actor is remembered for some particular role. Mine just happens to be Gannon."

Everett leaned forward as the door of his trailer opened. They needed him on the set again and it was obvious that the interview was drawing to a close. He bounced out of his seat and said, "Hey is there anything else I can do for you?"

I nodded and said, "yes." We wanted to get some outside shots. Chad slapped the arms of the chair and bounced to his feet. Without hesitation he stepped out of the trailer and ran towards a tree. "How about here?", he grinned. "Or here?" His mood was definately on the up-beat.

He ran towards the Godfrey Battery and leaned against a wall. In my opinion, this man was not acting. He was real and genuine and wanted to let off steam. He grabbed Tina Juber's camera and played with the controls. "This is the best lighting," he commented. She popped off a few shots and then turned to her husband, Ken.

Ken took his turn at the wheel, while Everett asked me to pose with him. The Don Quixote Award winner grinned widely and demonstrated how to get the best exposure on the eyes and the teeth in a smile.

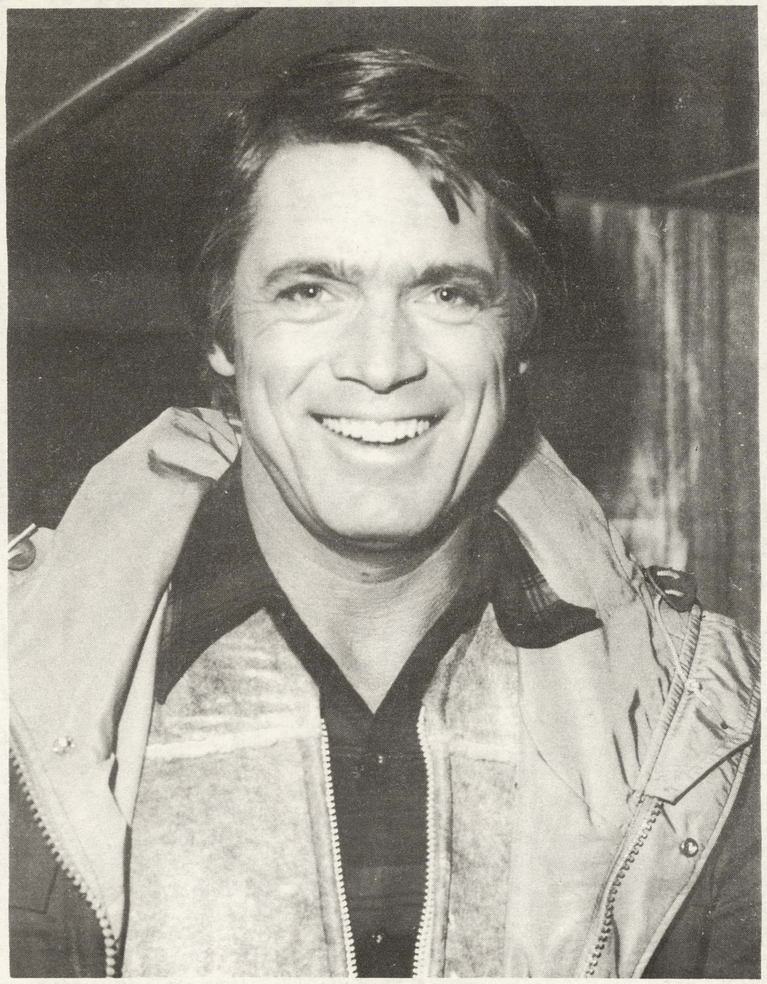
I excused myself and reminded Everett that he was due to go back on the set. That didn't seem important to him. What was important, seemed to be our mutual satisfaction.

We made our goodbyes and he walked back to the trailer. The wind continued to blow out on the cliffs of the Presidio, and the other actors continued to film a hostage scene.

Chad Everett, the star, was once, Chad Everett, the struggling actor. Since Medical Center, he's played many major roles including a famous journalist in the TV movie—**The French Atlantic Affair.**

His future continues to be bright. Recently he signed a contract for a new TV series called—**Hagen.** His recent pilot movie was so well received that the public obviously wanted Gannon, now to be called **Hagen,** back.

And so in January, Chad Everett returns to the TV screen. The character he will play is a violent one. What is obvious is that he is thankful for his role, and also that he commands respect in Hollywood circles.



Chad Everett gives photographer Tina Juber a wide smile.

Holiday marks the power of true spirit

by Pete Britten

With sunset today begins a very special and festive season holding deep and symbolic meaning to members of the Jewish faith, Hanukkah, "The festival of lights and dedication."

Hanukkah is a rich, joyful occasion that is observed each year with the lighting of a single candle for eight days as an expression of dedication and praise to God. The main theme behind this practice is the way Jewish people give thanks for the survival of their faith as it manifests the struggle of an oppressed people for religious freedom and toleration.

"Among the Jewish festivals, Hanukkah tells a story of military valor and epic bravery," said Rabbi William Z. Dalin, auxiliary chaplain for the Letterman Army Medical Center and the Presidio." "It focuses attention upon a dramatic crisis in Jewish history when freedom cried out for protection by dedicated men. Its origin is not a matter of speculation. The stirring circumstances amidst which it was born are in the record," he added.

"Hanukkah," continued Dalin, "recalls the first struggle in written history when man fought not for material possessions and for land but for ideals, especially the ideal of human liberty. It calls to mind the first recorded instance when man spurned security purchased at the cost of conscience, when the human spirit refused to be intimidated by force. It salutes humanity's first martyrs in religious cause. Hanukkah is thus a powerful inspiration for all people everywhere to resist tyranny."

The word, Hanukkah means "dedication". The holiday gained its spiritual significance when the Jewish people had successfully rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem to their true faith as a major triumph against Syrian oppression. However, the ultimate triumph to the people was in the inner "temple" of their spirit, hearts and minds.

Dalin emphasized that, "Hanukkah commemorates not the spirit of power but the power of the spirit." The Sabbath of Hanukkah includes the prophetic reading which says: "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

"The Jewish people are united by their religion, tradition and history," states Capt. Vivian B. Wiesner, SJA claims officer. "In New York city, where I grew up, Hanukkah was always celebrated as widely as Christmas. Many Jews even exchanged gifts.

"My own memories of this holiday places more of an emphasis on its religious aspects—that God stood by the Jews in their fight against might. Hanukkah to me marks a victory of religion over tyranny.

Jews praise and thank God by lighting a single candle on each of the eight days during the festival until the Mennorah is ablaze with the lights of the total eight candles. This year the festival will be observed from su nset Dec. 14-22.

"The Hanukkah lights are sacred," states Dalin, "and are not to be used for ordinary purposes, but only to be observed."

Hanukkah is summed up in the Jewish prayer book; ". . .Then thy children came into thy dwelling place, cleansed the temple, purified the sanctuary, kindled lights in the sacred courts and they designated these eight days of Hanukkah for giving thanks and praise unto Thy Great Name.

With the lighting of candles in the Jewish homes during Hanukkah, this festive season reflects light and joy. At each candle service special prayers of praise (hallel) and thanksgiving hymns are recited. The most popular song is Maoz Tzur usually sung in Hebrew and in English as "Rock of Ages."

The holiday traditionally features latkes, or potato pancakes and is frequently marked by the exchange of gifts. An attraction that appeals to children is receiving Hanukkah Gelt pennies from relatives to play the game "Dreidel" which is spinning the top and other games.

An extract from a home service recitation for parents and children summarizes the spirit of Hanukkah:

"As we light each candle and praise God, let us resolve to be worthy of the great gift of Freedom. May all who try to deprive the people of Freedom, learn the way of justice and right, that all men and women and children may enjoy happiness and peace forever."

After the parents complete the preceding stanza, the children respond by saying:

"This is our festival of Joy—
"This is our festival of Light—
"This is our festival of Freedom."

The Jewish community on the Presidio will celebrate Hanukkah Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. in the Religious Education Center.

Hanukkah candles

Frances Karsh, lights a Hanukkah candle as Rabbi William Dalin explains the meaning of the holiday to the young girl and her brother Brice. Members of the Jewish faith observe this eight day holiday beginning at sunset today. (Photo by Phillip White).

Off Post

A wide variety of holiday activities are coming your way this week all over San Francisco.

The Alamo School is sponsoring the ballet, **"Twas the Night Before Christmas,"** tomorrow and Sunday at the **George Washington High School Auditorium at 1 p.m.** The school is located at 32nd Ave. and Geary Blvd.

"The Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park **tomorrow at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.**

"Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon" will feature the Dave Lefebvre Quintet in Building D at Fort Mason. **The music begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday.**

The **San Francisco State University Symphony and Choral Union** will perform together at **3 p.m.** on **Sunday** in McKenna Theatre on the university campus.

The **San Francisco Zoo will be open free of charge Dec. 17 through Dec. 21** to all visitors.

The zoo which is located at 45th Ave. and Sloat Blvd., is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Among the attractions at the zoo are new lion cubs, a water buffalo calf and a new baby giraffe.

If you missed the Wilderness Concert at the Presidio Playhouse you have one more chance to see it Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. in Building A at Fort Mason.

On the ski scene, **Alpine Meadows** offers a discount ski lift ticket to military personnel and their dependents for $10. The ticket is good Sunday through Friday. These tickets as well as discount tickets for the ski lift at **Tahoe Donner** may be picked up at the Recreation Center's ITT office. The Tahoe Donner offer is good Monday through Friday between Jan. 2, 1980 and March 1980 for $8.

The Recreation Center and Outdoor Recreation Center branches will co-sponsor a series of **economy ski-trips,** with priority being given to active duty E-1 to E-4 personnel who are barracks residents. The scheduled dates for the trips are Jan. 11-15, Jan. 25-27, Feb. 8-19, Feb. 22-24.

The cost of the trips will be $19.00 which covers the cost of lodging, food, transportation, skis and boots, and ski lift.

Each trip will be limited to 10 persons. Interested persons should sign up as early as possible and pay their fees one week in advance of the departure dates. For more information or to sign up stop by or call the Recreation Center after 4 p.m. daily, at 561-2000.

Discount tickets for the Dec. 17, 18, and 27 performance of the **"Nutcracker"** ballet at the San Francisco Opera House are available at the Recreation Center. The tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are $11.

The **"One Act Theater Company"** on Mason Street, offers a $1 discount to soldiers and their dependents during their performances of "Encounters" on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reno Hospitality Books are available at the Recreation Center and offer a $40 savings for the low price of $1.

For more information about ticket sales call the Recreation Center after 2 p.m. at 561-2000.

Sports

B-ball underway three undefeated

In Monday night's post intramural basketball play LAMC No. 1 defeated LAIR No. 1 60-52, the 666th Radar Station whipped Sixth Army 71-51, nd USACC bombed LAIR No. 2 68-36.

In the USACC game Calvin Black scored 26 points to lead his team to a victory that pulled them into second place in the League Two race.

On Tuesday night's game, LAIR No. 1 avenged their Monday loss by stuffing USAG No. 1 70-59. The win evened LAIR No. 1's record to two wins and losses.

USAG No. 2 is out in front in the standings of League 2 of the post intramural basketball race with a perfect 4-0 record. There is a two-way tie for first place in League 1 between the FBI and the 864th Engineers who both sport spotless 2-0 records.

After the second week of intramural play the team standings are:

League I	Won	Lost
FBI	2	0
864th Eng.	2	0
170th	1	1
6th Army	1	1
666 Radar	2	2
LAIR No. 1	2	2
LAMC No. 3	1	2
LAMC No. 1	1	2
USAG No. 1	0	2

League 2	Won	Lost
USAG No. 2	4	0
USACC	3	1
LAMC No. 2	2	1
16th AG	1	1
Pub. Health	2	2
DENTAC	1	2
504th MPs	0	2

Fun Run race set

The next Fun Run race will be held Dec. 19 at noon, starting and finishing at Gym No. 1, Bldg. No. 63. The course will be mostly flat with a few rolling hills for a distance of two miles. All Presidio personnel are encouraged to participate.

The University of San Francisco's Womens Junior Varsity basketball team will play the Presidio Womens team at the post gym No. 1 tonight at 5 p.m

Following that game the USF Varsity will play the Eastern Washington women in what is to be a tight match-up. Game time is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Fans of either teams are invited to attend and support the women in these two square-offs.

I got it

Glen Turner of USAG No. 2, gets his hand on the ball during a jump shot with Mike Rainey of LAMC No. 2. The teams are in Division 2 of the past intramural league.

Charge of the MP Battalion

Members of the 504th MP Battalion go on the attack during their FTX last week at Hunter Leggitt Military Reservation. While the Battalion was gone, the 209th MP Company from Fort Meade, Maryland was sent TDY to fill in and assist the 40 remain presonnel. The 96 Marylanders returned to the East Coast on Monday. (Photo by Michael Willoughby)

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Tree lighting set

Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., post commander, will light the post Christmas tree Dec. 17 at 3:45 p.m. in ceremonies at Pershing Square.

The ceremony will feature music by the Combined Champlain's Choirs and the U. S. Sixth Army Band. Following the tree lighting, the audience will be invited to join the band and choir in singing Christmas carols.

The entire Presidio Community is invited to attend.

Spare the wood

Wood that is harvested from the Presidio and its' sub-posts is U.S. Government property and is not to be used for other than government purposes.

All wood harvested is stored at the wood yard at Fort Scott. It is either sold to private contractors in large amounts or given to Presidian residents to use in their government quarters for fire wood.

According to Gale Gregg of the Directorate of Facilities Engineers, it is unlawful to take this wood and use it for private residences, or off post housing.

If you have any questions concerning how to obtain firewood from the Fort Scott wood yard, contact Gregg at 561-4005.

Christmas concert set

The Sixth United States Army Band will present a **free concert** of Christmas music at the Palace of Fine Arts, **Sunday at 3 p.m.** The program will include selections from "The Nutcracker Suite," "O Holy Night," "March of the Toys," and "A Christmas Festival." Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

No outdoor displays

Presidio residents are "strongly discouraged" from putting up outdoor Christmas displays, according to Col. Desmond Dewey, post deputy commander.

"I realize that outdoor displays help to make the holiday seson bright, but if we don't conserve our energy now, future holidays may not be at all bright," explains Dewey.

Watch out Ebeniezer

Sp4 Kenneth P. Juber, of the post photo lab, caught this week's Photo of the Week in a downtown department store window.

All post photographers are invited to participate in the "Photo of the Week" competition by submitting their entries to the Public Affairs Office, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco Ca., 94129. All entries will be held for two weeks and then returned at the end of that period.

Although there is no monetary reward for the contest, winners can get the satisfaction of having their work published in the Star Presidian.

New Year's Eve plan

The **deadline for reservations for this year's New Year's Eve party at the NCO Enlisted Persons Club is Dec. 20.**

The cost of the party is $10 per person. The evening will feature a live band that plays all types of music, a New York Strip steak dinner, party favors, champagne, and a continental breakfast. To make reservations call 561-4914 or 4934.

Bowling curtailed

The **Presidio Bowling Center will close Dec. 17 to allow for the installation of new armor-plated lanes** which will not need resurfacing.

Current estimates call for "limited" open play to be available on Dec. 21 and for all lanes to be open by Dec. 28.

During the work the center's snack bar will be open for normal service.

The "Gold Pin" bowling held at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays will not be affected by the lane installation project.

Beginning Jan. 2, patrons of the center will be able to bowl three games for the price of two, Monday through Friday.

Classes announced

The American Red Cross will be conducting the following CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid classes in January. Please call your Red Cross Office 561-2187 to sign up to attend one of these classes.

Jan. 8 and 11th—A two day CPR class from 8 a.m. to noon
Jan. 15—First Aid Class 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 22—First Aid Class 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28—CPR course 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Jan. 31—CPR course 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids to party

There will be a Dependant Youth Activities **Children's Christmas party** at the Presidio Theater, **Dec. 22 at 10 a.m.** for all youngsters ages four through 12.

The party will include an hour of cartoons, a puppet show, presents, and snacks for everyone and a possible visit by Santa.

For more information call the DYA office at 561-5143.

Chapel concert planned

Presidio's annual **Post Chapel Choir Concert** will be held Sunday, **Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.** at the main post chapel.

The choir, directed by Robert Grant, will perform "A Ceremony of Carols," and Saint-Saens's "Christmas Oratorio," The voices will be accompanied by a harp.

There is no charge to attend, and all persons are cordially invited to attend.

Movies

Presidio Theater
Dec. 15—Bugsy Malone (G matinee)
Dec. 15—Skatetown U. S. A. (PG)
Dec. 16—Sunburn (PG)
Dec. 17—Sunburn (PG)
Dec. 18—Death Force (R)
Dec. 19—Hurricane (PG)
Dec. 20—National Lampoon's Animal House (R)
Dec. 21—National Lampoon's Animal House (R)
Dec. 22—Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown (G matinee)
Dec. 22—Americathon (PG)

Schwartz Theater, Letterman
Dec. 17—Fast Break (PG)
Dec. 18—Time After Time (PG)
Dec. 19—Foul Play (PG)
Dec. 20—Old Boyfriends (R)
Dec. 21—Bloodline (R)

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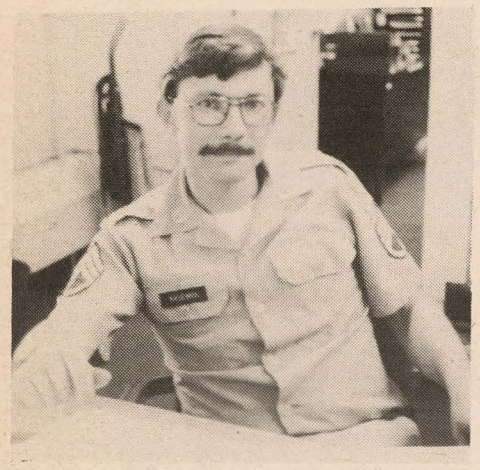
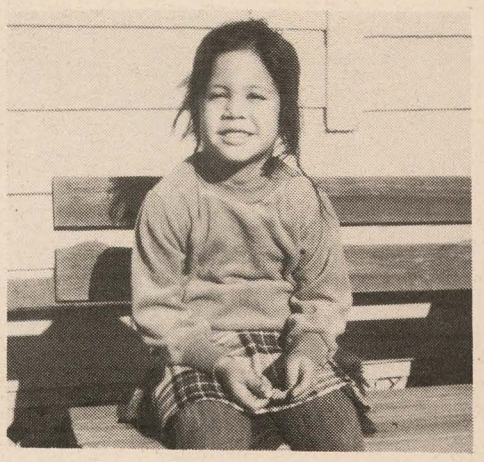
Ramblin' Sam

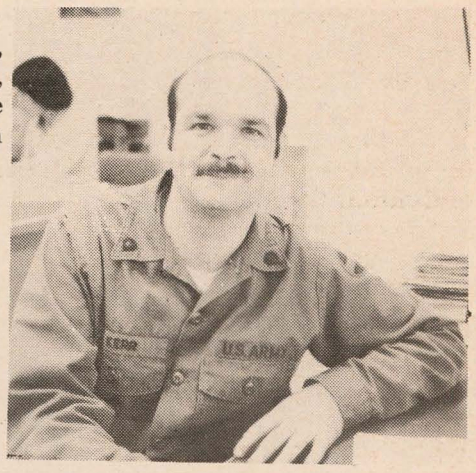
What do you want for Christmas?



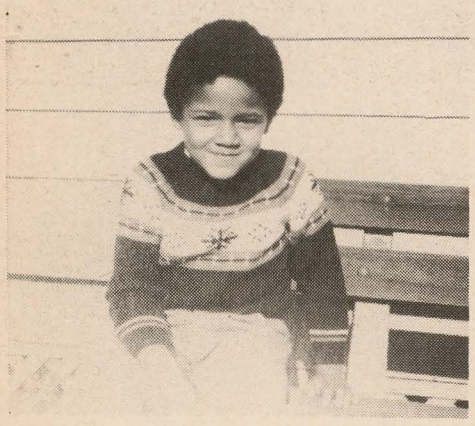
SSgt. Fred Kaseman, PSNCO USAG—"I'd like to see the hostages currently being held in Iran released to their families by Christmas.



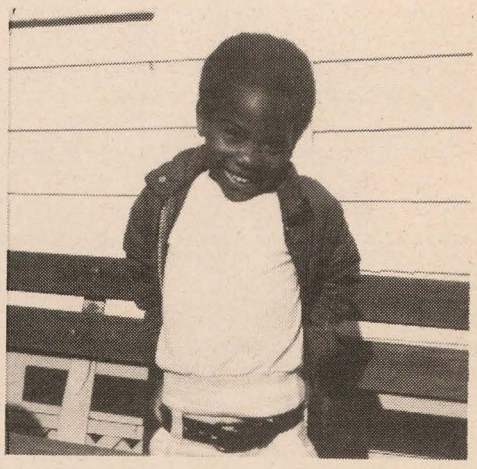
Liza Cohen—"I want a play snowman made of real snow...



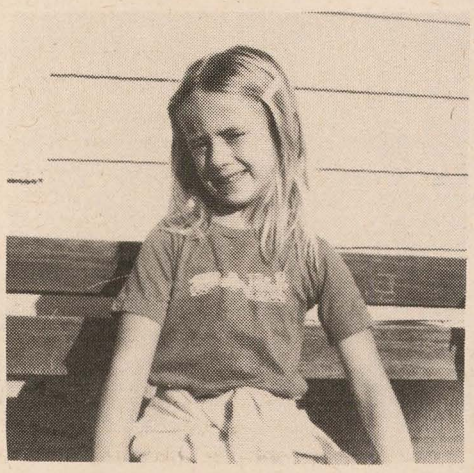
SP5 Glenn Kerr Sr., Finance—"World peace, lower gas prices, a cure for the Common Cold, an end to inflation...



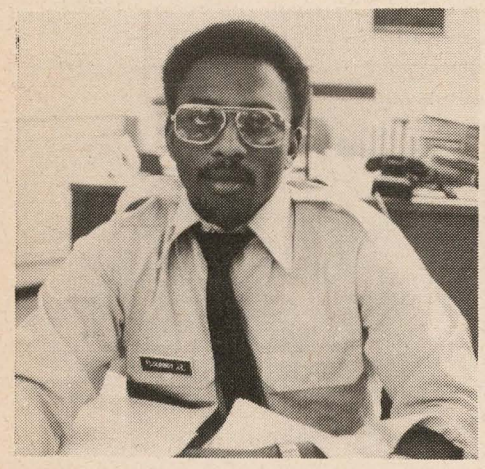
Patrick David Madison—"I want a blue bike."



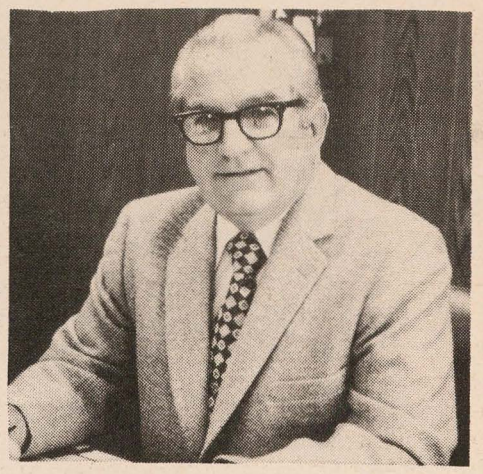
Marcus Jones—"A racing car set is what I want for Christmas."



Stephanie Friese—"I want a coloring hair Barbie doll."

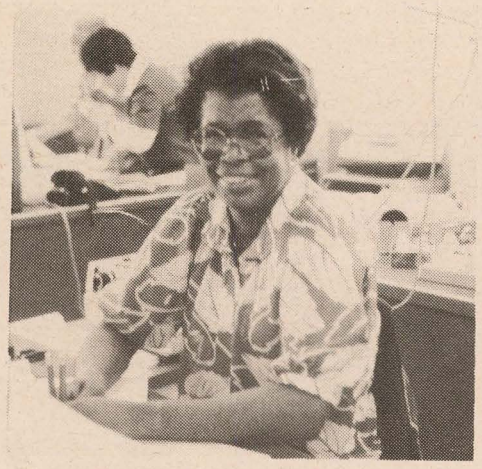


SP5 Jeff Flournoy, Finance—"First of all my ETS orders and a grant to help me through college would be great Christmas presents."



Mr. Francis G. Murphy, DRCS—"I want peace. I want the speedy and safe release of the hostages and to see goodwill resumed to a greater degree for all people in 1980.

Mrs. Marlys Abourdara, DRCS—Peace is the first thing that I want. I'd also like to see the hostages release unharmed. For myself, however, I'd like good health."



Gertrude Briscoe, Accounts Payable—"For Christmas I would love to see peace come to the world especially the freeing of the 50 hostages from Iran."

A word of thanks

As we close out 1979, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to a number of people who have provided the Star Presidian throughout the year.

Although there have been many who have helped, the following are deserving of special recognition: Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., Mary Stump, Bob Gascon, Bob Darling and Karl Gaffney of the post gym; Noli Manus, Ms. Liz DeLa Tour of the Rec Center; Capt. William T. Babylon of COMPACT; Bruce and Kay Wicks, Mrs. Mary Schuster and the Army Community Service volunteers; the post police detail, and all those who deliver the Star Presidian, and the post photo lab.

A word of thanks also goes to each and every reader for your support throughout the year. When we return on Jan. 11, I hope we can count on your continued support.

To each of you and your families I send the best wishes of the entire staff for a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year.

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Retiring?

Notify MILPERCEN or PCS

Officers being reassigned have 30 days after 'initial alert' to notify MILPERCEN if they plan to separate, according to Capt. William T. Babylon, Chief of COMPACT.

Initial Alert, Babylon explains, is when the officer is notified of a firm 'where and when' assignment in any of the following ways:

During an interview with a MILPERCEN career manager;

By a telephone call from a MILPERCEN career manager which is noted in the officer's career management individual file;

By written correspondence;

By receiving a copy of the request for orders started by MILPERCEN.

Officers with 20 or more years service planning to separate before the new assignment must submit a voluntary retirement application. Regular army officers with less than 20 years service must submit an unqualified resignation. Reserve officers with less than 20 years service may submit a request for release from active duty or an unqualified resignation, whichever is appropriate, of Babylon status.

Officers not meeting the 30 day deadline must either request an exception to policy or they will be held to their orders and incur a service obligation.

In order to separate, however, officers must not have a remaining service obligation as a result of such things as a recent PCS, promotion to 05 or above or CW3 or above, or attendance at a training or educational program.

Officers and COMPACT personnel officials can verify the existence of service obligations by contacting the personnel actions section of the appropriate career management division with the officer personnel management division, MILPERCEN.

On center court

Members of the 504th Military Police Color Guard present the Colors as part of the Davis Cub Finals' opening ceremony held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium last Friday. The Color Guard participates in various events through out the bay area. Members of the Color Guard are Sgt. John Cook, Cpl. Kevin Taylor, Sp4 Jason Hummel and Sp4 Mark Sargeant. (Photo by Ken Juber)

Command Time

During the Hanukkah and Christmas holidays, our thoughts focus on the theme of **"peace on earth and goodwill toward men."**

Those of us who serve our country both as soldiers and as civilians, have dedicated our lives to insuring that all people are blessed with peace and freedom.

I take this opportunity to thank each soldier, civilian, and dependent for their dedication and support during the past year. Particularly, we all owe thanks for the many contributions people have made to life and work here at the Presidio.

We start the New Year with a new confidence now that the importance of the Presidio to the Army has been recognized. The worry concerning closing the Presidio is gone. Let's look ahead to the New Year confidently.

Mrs. Hall joins with me in wishing each of you and your families a happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr.

Christmas is a revelation

by Chaplain (Col.) Paul Easley

I hear people say, **"Exciting things happen to other people, but not to me."** Is anything as common and at times more monotonous than the ordinary days of our lives?

Eagerly we anticipate tomorrows, but our best laid plans fizzle out like candles.

Christmas is **a revelation of the light and love of God.** It reveals the sacredness of childhood, the glory of parenthood.

Christmas is a **revelation of the infinite worth of every life** in the sight of God, and of the divine dignity and destiny possible for each of us. It shows the boundless concern of mankind—the humblest, the lowliest, and the lost.

Christmas is **a revelation of the beauty and power** of a life completely dedicated to the will of God. It reveals the true measure of glorious living at its highest and best.

While visiting the Philippines I was awed by the splendor of the sunset. As the earth was flooded with matchless beauty, my soul was overwhelmed with a sense of the empowering presence of God. Then came a small voice, **"all life can be like this if you will have it so."**

My heart sinks at how starved most faces are. Dreams and ideas have forsaken them; things have happened to them; they've given up the quest; they've stopped seeking.

We have to look upon enough beauty, hear enough great music and poetry, love enough, think positive, contemplate upon God, life, man and the value of each to each, what it's all about.

Many live too much with fear and smallness, when their heritage and goals are love and greatness.

Often life is barren and meaningless because we make the great refusal. Tragically our experiences illustrate the deep insight of the psalmist, "He gave them the desires of the heart, but sent leanness into their souls."

Christmas is the pledge that we, like him who was born in Bethlehem, may some day attain to our full stature as sons and daughters of the Eternal Father. **"Ye shall be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect."**

Christmas challenges us to the daring faith that we are somebody and are as great today as when the master uttered these amazing words: "RABBINI" "He is born."

Christmas is our day. **Christmas is for ordinary folks.** Once again we hear the distant drummer. Once again we hitch our hopes to a shining star. This is how it was and how it's "gonna" be.

Christmas is person-centered. **Christmas affirms that human lives,"even the least of these," are the least expendable treasures in the whole universe.** To the last syllable of recorded time this will remain true.

So, Merry Christmas on the streets, in the barracks, at home, and at the office. May God bless you always and keep peace in your family.

Make it a safe and happy holiday season

The holiday season is a time to be jolly, but carelessness can make it a time of woe.

In a letter to all Presidian's, Col. Desmond D. Dewey, deputy post commander warned, "The approaching Christmas and New Year holiday presents many hazards; earlier hours of darkness, fog, increased automobile and pedestrian traffic due to Christmas shopping, and children trying out their new bicycles, skateboards, and big wheels."

Dewey calls upon both parents and drivers to prevent needless deaths and injuries during the holidays by keeping skateboards and big wheel riders off the streets.

Joggers and bikers are cautioned about running in dark colored clothing. "Use extra caution when crossing the street and make yourself visible with light-colored clothing, reflective strips and walk opposing traffic when there is no sidewalk. **Remember, your right-of-way cannot stop a 3,000 pound automobile,"** Dewey added.

"Concern for you and your loved ones' safety throughout this period urges me to emphasize the need to drive diligently and defensively on the highways," Dewey concluded.

Carelessness in securing government and personal property can also bring woe during the holiday season.

The decrease of activity during the holiday season gives criminals and militants opportunities to steal weapons, equipment and personal property unless efforts are made to make these items difficult to remove.

Homes and offices should be checked to insure there is sufficient outdoor lighting and that all windows and doors are locked. Barracks residence should make sure valuables are kept in wall lockers with secure locks.

Quarters residence should cancel newspaper deliveries while on leave. A neighbor or friend should be asked to pick up mail and to keep an eye on the house. A timer to turn lights on at night is also a good idea.

Privately owned vehicles should be locked at all times and checked frequently.

In a letter to post personnel, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., post commander called upon everyone in the community to be aware of **suspicious activities** and to **report it immediately to the military police.**

"Through the cooperation of the entire Presidio community, both military and civilian, a safe holiday period can be assured," Hall concluded.

The week before Christmas

T'was the week before Christmas and all through the post the place was a bustle with real busy folks.

The decorations were all hung in the offices with care so workers culd help spread the holiday cheer.

The children were all nestled and snug in their beds while visions of Christmas presents danced in their heads.

Mama in her kerchief, Pappa in his cap had just settled down for a short winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arouse such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

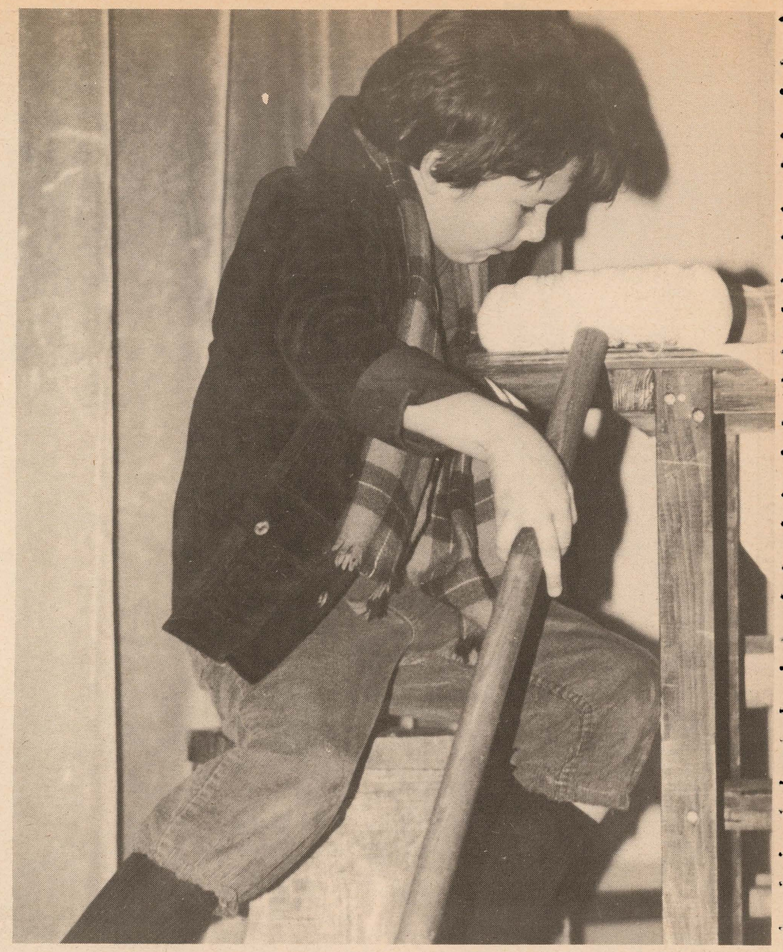
The early morning fog had lifted to give a clear view of the crowd down below.

And what to my wondering eyes should appear, but hundred of soldiers heading home to end the year.

With a little old driver so lively and quick I knew some of them were getting help from Saint Nick.

Away to the airport the soldiers they flew as they shouted their goodbyes to friends that they knew.

And I heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy New Year.



God bless us one and all

Tiny Tim, played by Joseph Ballesteros, prays for God's blessings during a performance of Dicken's Christmas Carol. The play was performed for the patients at Letterman Army Medical Center by the Resurrection Theater Group. (Photo by Ken Juber)

Jolly old Saint Nick

Kari and Chali Linke tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas. The girls visited the Jolly old man during a Sixth Army Christmas get together. (Photo by Ken Juber)

Christmas in pet paradise

Someone planted this and another Christmas tree in the pet cemetary in honor of these little animals who have also been a part of the Army family.

Just which way did he go?

Children at the Presidio Pre-school donned reindeer ears for their annual Christmas program held on Wednesday. (Photo by Tina Juber)

And what to my wondering eyes. . .

Michael and Anthony Mendoza examine their Christmas tree and the many presents underneath it. Throughout post hundreds of children will wake Christmas morning to find they've been visited by Santa. (Photo by Tom Tiernan)

Hello mom, Merry Christmas

by Don Terry

Do you have a special holiday message you'd like to share with someone far away but don't have the money to pay for a long distance call? Well, there's a place on post which might just have the answer.

Soldiers and their dependents and DoD civilians can get messages and phone calls to loved ones not only at Christmas but throughout the year through the Military Affiliate Radio Station.

The station which is located on Washington Blvd., handles thousands of phone calls and MARSgrams each year. "We handle as many as 200 calls and messages each dav." states SSgt. Raymond Benn, NCOIC of the station.

"Many of the calls and messages that come through here are to inform families of the arrival time of soldiers going home for Christmas," said Mr. Ray Mosley, a radio operator at the Station. "If we don't get the messages sent out on time and the family doesn't receive the message it can create problems for the soldier."

To place a call home or send a MARSgram, all you have to do is call MARS at 561-3486 or 5121, or visit the station between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. any day of the week. MARS will contact the nearest station to your hometown which in turn will call your home. You will then be able to talk to your family for about five minutes without it costing you a thing.

The MARS station has several other functions as well. It provides network control for the Western Army MARS area, provides radio communications support for Sixth Army and the Presidio, and auxiliary communications for military and civilian communities in case of disaster or other emergencies.

The station operates a potential reserve of trained radio communications personnel for military service when needed by promoting the study and experimentation in radio communications and electronics.

The Presidio MARS station is also part of the California State drill and exercise net. The net is used to pass messages throughout the western United States.

The Presidio MARS Station is also a command gateway net which passes traffic to all net control stations and to the Pacific.

The personnel at the MARS Station are ready to help you make your call home for Christmas or to send that special holiday message.

Hello are you there?

SSgt. Raymond Benn, NCOIC of the post MARS station prepares the station's equipment to put through a call. The station located on Washington Blvd. can help soldiers, dependents and DoD civilians get holiday messages to loved one.

Off Post

A **classical guitar concert** featuring Maria Del Pilar Plaza will be held tomorrow **at 8 p.m.** in Building D at the Fort Mason Pier.

There's still time to see the California Academy of Science's presentation of **"The Christmas Star" at Morrison Planetarium** in Golden Gate Park. The program can be seen on **Saturday and Sunday at 12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m.**

The Second Annual Christmas Concert by **Joan Baez** will be held on the steps of **City Hall on Polk and McAllister Streets** on **Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.**

There are a **few discount tickets** left for the **"Nutcracker"** ballet at the San Francisco Opera House. The tickets are for dress circle seats and cost $11. All unsold tickets will be turned in Dec. 26 so act now by visiting the Presidio Recreation Center in building 1299.

The Recreation Center and Outdoor Recreation will co-sponsor a series of **economy ski trips for soldiers in grades E-1 through E-4 who live in the barracks.** The cost of the trips will be $19 which includes transportation, lodging, food, skis, boots, and ski lift tickets. Dates for the trips are as follows: **Jan. 11-13** and **25-27;** Feb. **8-10** and **22-24.** Interested soldiers should sign up now and complete payment must be made one week prior to departure.

The **Recreation Center will be open on New Year's Day** from 2-10 p.m., for those looking for something to do.

For more information about Rec Center activities or tickets call the center at 561-2000.

San Francisco State University will offer a wide variety of classes in the coming months.

The theory and technique of attaining an ideal sexual relationship will be featured in **"Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior,"** a three-week extension course at San Francisco State University this January.

Professor Morton D. Keston, instructor, says the facts and myths of homosexuality; sexual etiquette, and the swinging scene will be discussed in the course which will be held from **9 a.m. to noon Jan. 2-22.**

Three units of upper-division academic credit are available for "Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior," which is open to the adult public. Fee is $126.

The history of the first Chinese to settle in the United States during the 19th Century is riddled with stereotypes of coolies, opium dens and prostitutes.

A course at San Francisco State University this January will survey the documents and oral testimonies of early Chinese Americans to bring to light a more accurate picture of their proud and industrious past.

"Chinese Pioneers on the American Frontier" will run from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 2 through 22.

Three units of academic credit are available for "Chinese Pioneers on the American Frontier." Fee is $126.

The preparation of Japanese American foods will be featured in a two-Saturday workshop at San Francisco State University this January.

"Cultures and Cuisines: Japanese American" is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 12 and 19.

Further information on this and other classes is available from the Division of Continuing Education, SFSU, 469-1373.

School bells ring for Presidio adults

A number of adult education courses will be offered at the Fort Scott Education Center beginning in January.

According to Loretta Manhart, Education Service Supervisor, the courses are designed to meet the many needs of the Presidio's adult community. Most courses are free of charge and are open to all soldiers, dependents and civilian employees.

A **speed reading** course will be offered Jan. 7 through March 3 on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Those who want to improve their reading skills and comprehension might sign up for a **Developmental Reading** course to be offered Monday through Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The course will run from Jan. 4 to March 4.

A **Refresher English and Test Preparation** class will be held at 3-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday beginning Jan. 2. The course is designed to help student review writing and grammer skills and will end Feb. 27. A similar course in **math will be offered Monday through Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 2 through Feb. 28.**

Courses in military correspondence, shorthand, and **typing** will be held Jan. 2 through Feb. 29 on the days and times indicated:

Military Correspondence—7:30-8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Beginning Shorthand—8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Beginning and Intermediate typing—9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Friday—at 9:20-10:30 a.m.

An instructor is available at the education center Monday through Thursday from 2-7 p.m. to conduct individual or small group classes in **English as a Second Language.**

A class design to improve an individual's **vocabulary** will be offered Monday and Wednesdays Jan. 2 through Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Business English will be taught Jan. 3 through Feb. 28 on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information call the Education Center at 561-2974.

Hang in there baby

Marie B. Herbert of San Francisco performs the flexed arm hang while participating in the West Point aptitude test conducted here last weekend. (Photo by Philip White)

Sports

Racquetball tourney

The first two days of the Christmas Double elimination Racquetball tournament, which includes the Open, Novice, and Women's Divisions, has proven to be as competitive as expected, with many matches being hard fought.

In the Open Division, going into the third round, most of the leaders are quite familiar: **Mike O'Conners, Bill James,** and **Bob Horn.** the first bracket, James, after defeating a scrappy Inase, plays underdog Gafney who barely got past Evans. In the second bracket, Horn, who defeated L.W. Buffaloe, faces off with Mike O'Conners who barely squeezed by John Junes.

In the Novice Division, after two rounds of competition the leaders are **Jeff Gascon, Paul Snowden, James McKay, Floyd Hawkins,** and **Randy Freeman.**

In the Women's Division, after two rounds of competition, the leaders are **Irene Williams** and **Harriett Jones,** both players advancing against competitors **Betty Adams** and **Joan Horn,** respectively.

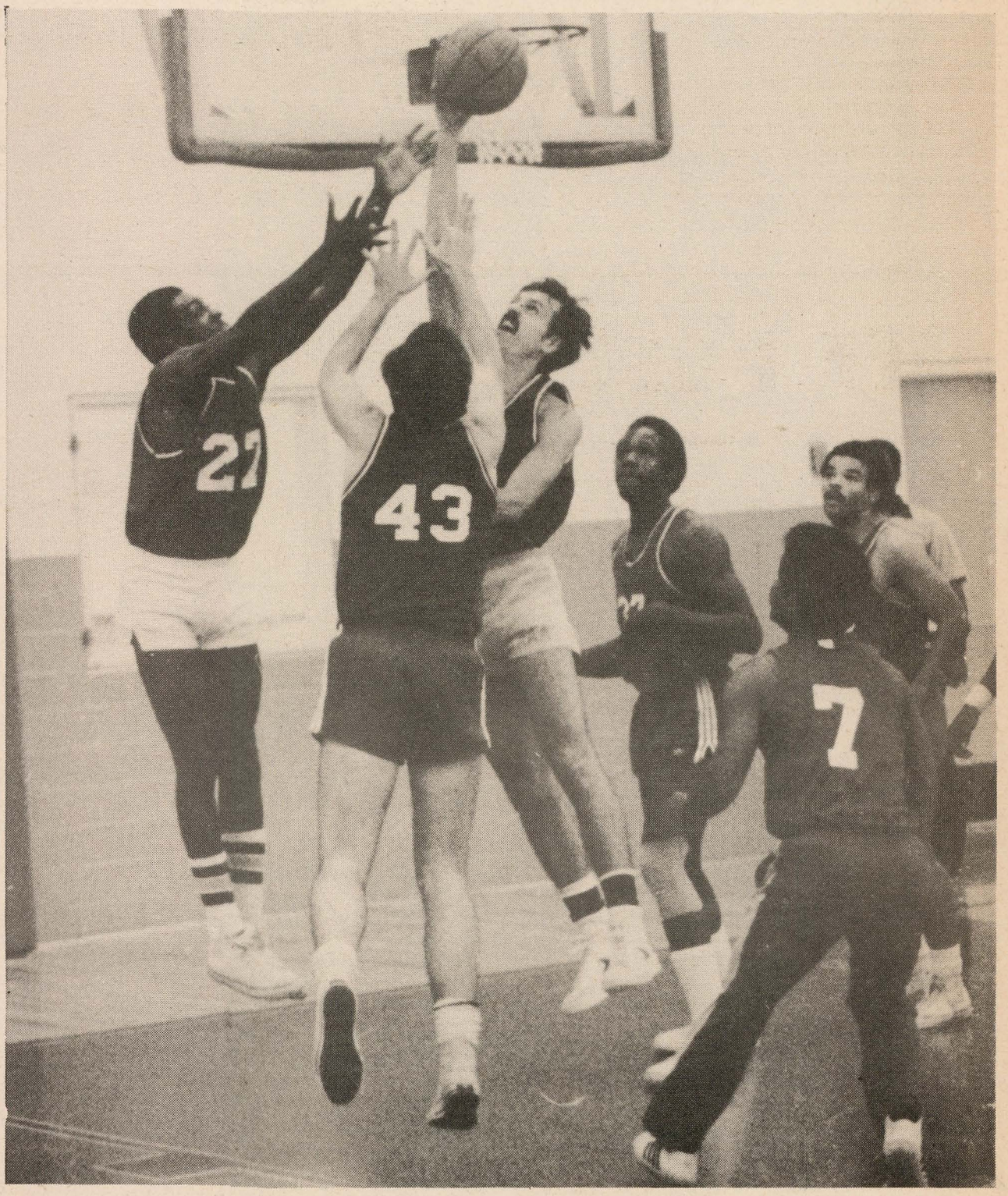
Intramural results

Individual Scores

WINNER	LOSER	SCORE
864th Eng	LAIR No. 1	61-52
USAG No. 1	LAMC No. 3	66-55
666 R.S.	FBI	89-65
LAMC No. 3	LAMC No. 1	74-62
LAMC No. 2	16 A.G.	50-40
6th Army	LAMC No. 1	42-36
USAG No. 1	170th M. P.	41-37
16th A.G.	504th M. P.	55-38
170th M. P.	864th Eng	58-40
LAMC No. 1	FBI	52-48

STANDINGS

League 1				League 2		
Team	Win	Loss	Place	Team	Win	Loss
864th Engr.	3	1	1	USAG No. 2	4	0
6th Army	3	1	2	LAMC No. 2	3	1
666th Radar	2	2	3	USACC	3	1
170th M. P.	2	2	4	Public Health	2	2
FBI	2	2	5	16th AG	2	2
USAG No. 1	2	2	6	Dentac	1	2
LAMC No. 3	2	3	7	504th M. P.	0	3
LAIR No. 1	2	3	8	LAIR No. 2	0	4
LAMC No. 1	2	4	9			



It's mine

Members of the USAG No. 1 team and LAMC No. 3 fight for the ball during recent intramural action at the post gym. USAG won the game 66-56. (Photo by Karl Gaffney)

Pay hike delayed for some workers

Wage grade employees of the Presidio will receive only part of the recently approved 3.92 percent retroactive increase in their pay, according to Mr. George Morrison, Presidio comptroller.

The delay will affect only the portion that is due for the pay period Nov. 18 through Dec. 2. All employees who are eligible will receive full compensation for the pay period beginning Dec. 2.

"The reason for the delay is rather complicated," according to Morrison. "We received approval of the increase too late to compute the full retroactivity. The current pay period can be done on the computer, but the remaining portion will have to be screened and performed manually."

The delay may take more than a month, but could possibly be done earlier. "With more than 500 files to be screened, it is difficult to predict exactly how long it may take," Morrison said.

Wage grade employees have received two pay increases during the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. The first increase of 3.1 percent was retroactive to Oct. 1 and is in no way affected by this delay.

Morrison said that notice of the second increase of 3.92 percent was not received until "after close of business on Dec. 14 making it impossible to schedule any weekend work to begin the screening."

Presidio News Notes

Holiday declared

President Carter last week announced that December 24, 1979 will be a legal holiday for all executive departments and agencies, which includes the Army and all DoD activities.

In a similar move, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., declared Dec. 31 as a training holiday for all Presidio units.

No papers till Jan. 11

The Star Presidian will not be published during the next two weeks. Our next issue will appear Jan. 11, 1980. Deadline for submission for articles for this issue will be noon Jan. 8, 1980.

NCO-EM events set

Reservations are still being taken for the **New Year's Eve Party** featuring "Edwards' Generation" at the NCO/Enlisted Club. Tickets are now on sale for $5.00 which includes a split of champagne and party favors or $10 which includes a New York Steak dinner as well as a split of champagne and party favors. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The first Friday in January, 1980 will feature our Prime Rib Buffet with salads and desserts, with free wine for the adults and sodas for the children. The price is only $6.00, half-price for children ages 5-12 years.

Each Wednesday and Friday nights the **"JAMMER MAN"** spins the latest in rock sounds.

Exchange hours set

The following hours will be observed by the Presidio Exchange during the coming holiday season:

Dec. 24—All activities will **close at 4 p.m.**
Dec. 25—All activities **closed.**
Dec. 31—All activities will **close at 4 p.m.**
Jan. 1—The main PX and Four Season stores will be open from noon to 5 p.m. All other activities will be closed.

Wives to meet

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will start 1980 off in style with a special presentation of the ballet "St. George and the Dragon," during their Jan. 3 meeting. Also featured as the main speaker will be clairvoyant Pam Atkinson. To make reservations of the meeting call 561-2472 or 4620.

Party at the O'Club

Make the change to the 80's with friends and family at the **New Year's Eve Party** at the **Officers' Club.** Make your reservations early. Reservations include New York Steak Dinner, Split of Champagne, party favors, and continental breakfast. Dance to the sounds of Jimmy Blass in the New Ballroom and Harry Mason in the Moraga Ballroom. The Attic Lounge will be open to all members, no reservations required. Casual dress in good taste in the Lounge where you can dance to the music of Connie Martindale and the New Beginnings, playing disco rock and Top 40's from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Classes announced

The American Red Cross will be conducting the following CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid classes in January. Please call your Red Cross Office 561-2187 to sign up to attend one of these classes.

Jan. 8 and 11th—A two day CPR class from 8 a.m. to noon
Jan. 15—First Aid Class 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 22—First Aid Class 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28—CPR course 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Jan. 31—CPR course 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Photo of the Week

The camera of Sam Rousso, writer-photographer for the Los Angeles District Recruiting Command, and some darkroom mystics by Don Norton, Headquarters, West Region Recruiting Command, Fort Baker, came together to record an offbeat version of a "mounted" colorguard," this week's photo of the week. The colorguard was formed by members of Los Angeles DRC for a recent Off Road Gran Prix finals night at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

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